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EARLY REPLY TO NOTE IS UNLIKELY

Entente Powers Will Have to Consult Each Other in Regard to President's Action

BRITISH COMMENT HOSTILE

German View is Relations Between Germany and This Country Will be Improved—President Flooded With Congratulations.

Washington, Dec. 22.—While nothing official came from Europe today to show when the belligerents will reply to President Wilson's note urging discussion of peace, or what the nature of the responses might be, the London news dispatches indicating that an early reply was unlikely because of the necessity of consultation between the Allies agreed with the view prevailing here.

Apparently the administration, having dispatched the note and in the interest of caution having taken steps to see that no misconstruction abroad was placed on the President's purposes, now is carefully watching the expressions of opinion, particularly in the British press. As the attitude of the Teutonic Allies had been clearly foreshadowed in advance and the President in the note specifically disclaimed any association with that attitude, the interest of American officials centered on the reception of the note in the Entente countries and among the European neutrals.

London Dispatches Hostile

It was recalled, as the London dispatches, most of them hostile, arrived, that similar expressions greeted the original proposals of the Central Allies, but that the views were moderated in the British press and among the Entente diplomats here after reflection and discussion.

To preclude any possibility of misconstruction of the President's purposes from the flurry of yesterday, caused by Secretary Lansing's two statements, both statements were cabled today to American diplomats abroad in neutral as well as belligerent countries, so they might be prepared to correctly state the President's attitude to the governments to which they are accredited. They are intended to offer official evidence, if it be needed, that the President's note is exactly what it purports to be on its face.

Improve Relations With Germany

The German view here is that whatever reply of the Entente Allies the relations between Germany and the United States will have been immeasurably improved, probably to the point of assuring careful steps by the Berlin government to avoid any such conditions as led up to a crisis which threatened a break in diplomatic relations.

Entente diplomats, while they apparently had decided to accept the President's attitude in good faith, had not wholly disposed of their fear that it might rebound to the advantage of their enemies.

Wilson and Lansing In Accord

It was reiterated today in all official quarters that there was perfect understanding between Secretary Lansing and the President, and whatever might have appeared as discord in interpretation of the note to the belligerents had been disposed of by the issue of the Secretary's second statement and the steps to inform the foreign governments of the facts.

Discussed by Cabinet.

The note to the belligerents, Secretary Lansing's explanatory statements and recent German submarine activities furnished the chief topic of discussion at today's cabinet meeting. Later it was said that the discussion was directed toward no particular end, but merely brought forth the views of cabinet members.

After the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing said that full information of the sinking of the British liner Arabia was not at hand. The American government is anxiously waiting word from Berlin regarding the British horse ship Marina, which admittedly was sunk without warning by a German submarine and which the State Department has been convinced was not a transport. No course of action will be decided on until Germany has been heard from further.

It was learned that after full discussion the cabinet took the view that the force of the note to the belligerents had not been materially affected by Secretary Lansing's statements.

Flood of Congratulations.

Press comment, in both England and Germany, was read with the deepest interest by members of the cabinet. Messages congratulating the President poured into the White House today in increasing volume. Almost without exception the senders interpreted the action as a peace move.

Republican Leader Mann referred to the note on the floor of the House today and heartily praised President Wilson's action. "Without regard to partisanship," he said, "I believe the whole people of the country warmly congratulate and commend the President in every effort he has made or may make to restore peace in the world."

Some Diplomats Worried.

It became known during the day that some members of the diplomatic corps are worried over their personal status with their home governments, whom they have been informing for weeks past that the United States would take no action in the European situation. With the arrival of the German proposals and the announced decision of this government not to add any word of its own, most diplomats became fin-

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NUMBERS OF MEN TAKEN FROM JOBS

Had Regular Employment in Belgium But Were Deported to Germany to Work

REPLY TO GERMAN CLAIMS

Director of Documentary Bureau of The Belgian War Ministry Gives Statement to the Associated Press

Havre, Dec. 22.—Specific details of the deportation of Belgians, refuting the reports from Berlin that those only without work were deported, and if others were taken it was the fault of the Belgian municipal authorities, were communicated to the Associated Press today by Fernand Passeleeq, director of the documentary bureau of the Belgian war ministry.

"The German pretension that errors in judging the social condition of those deported were involuntary and imputing them to the bad faith of the Belgain authorities is entirely contrary to the facts", said M. Passeleeq. "It is to be noted in Governor General Von Bissing's reply to the protest of the senators and deputies, recently made public, that he did not dare to contest the facts concerning the arbitrary seizures of employed persons.

"At Quaregnon in the coal region south of Mons, 3,000 workmen were summoned and 304 deported, of which 227 had been out of work. At Dour 137 were taken, of whom 117 were working. At Wasmes 186 were deported, of whom 130 were working; at Frameries 200 were deported, of whom 187 were working; at Hornu 140 were deported, of whom 87 were working; at Ghlin 156 were taken, of whom 46 were working.

"Forty-six men employed at the Baume-Marpent rolling mills at Haine St. Pierre, were taken. From the Gilson works at LaCroyere; 50 employees were taken, from the works at DeLouve 50 workmen were taken. Fifty-one iron workers were arrested in the rolling mills at LaCroyere and 25 were taken from the 130 employed at the Bolt works at LaLouviere; from the Compagnie Centrale De Construction, at Haine St. Pierre, 25 workmen were taken. From the blast furnaces and foundries at LaLouviere, 70 per cent. of the total number employed were seized, making it impossible for the works to continue operations.

"From the G. Boel works, at LaLouviere, 259 men regularly employed were taken. The glass works at Jemappes, the only establishment of its kind in the district, resumed work December 4, 1915, and worked without interruption, increasing its output until November 1, 1916, when it was shut down for repairs until November 10 with the intention of increasing the production. More than half of the skilled workmen at these works were arrested and deported including 40 per cent. of the blowers, 60 per cent of the first-class apprentices, 32 per cent. of the second-class apprentices, 35 per cent of the extenders and all the electricians and adjusters.

"Germany released a few hundred out of the 100,000 taken to make a show of magnanimity. The releases were not spontaneous, but were the result of the pressing representations made by the American and Spanish ministers at Brussels."

MEMBERS OF SHIPPING BOARD ARE NOMINATED

President Names Three Democrats and Two Republicans

Will Have Supervision Over Freight Rates in American Waters and are Empolewed to Organize $50,000,000 Marine Corporation.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today nominated the following to be members of the government shipping board:

William Denman, of San Francisco Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore; John A. Donald, of New York; John Barber White, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Theodore Brent, of New Orleans.

The board will have general supervision over freight rates in American waters and is empowered to organize a $50,000,000 corporation to build or buy merchant ships.

The ships built or bought will be available to lease or charter by private interests, but may be operated by the government should private concerns fail to take them. The intent of the law, aside from restoration of shipping for American commerce removed by the war, is to open up trade routes which private capital does not consider yet profitable enough for it to enter.

Mr. Denman, who gets the longest term of six years, is a Democrat and a lawyer with experience in admiralty cases.

Mr. Baker, nominated for a five year term, has had wide experience as a ship owner and for 30 years was president of the Atlantic Transport Line. He is a Democrat and Mr. McDonald, the third Democratic member, was nominated for four years. He has had a life long experience in the steamship business.

Mr. White, a Republican, was nom-

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TEUTONS CONTINUE DRIVING RUMANIANS

Berlin Reports Further Advance in Dobrudja With the Capture of 900 Russians

BRITISH OCCUPY TURK TOWN

Petrograd Reports Driving Bulgarian Force Into Lake in Dobrudja. Many Bulgars Drowned and 115 Taken Prisoner.

Except in northern Dobrudja, where the troops of the Central Powers continue to drive the Russians and Rumanians toward Bessarabia, there has been little important activity on the battle fronts of Europe.

The Russian troops in Dobrudja, Petrograd announces, were forced to retire northward under heavy attacks from numerically superior hostile forces. Berlin states that the Teutonic army in Dobrudja continues to advance successfully and announces the capture of 900 Russian soldiers. East of Lake Babadagh, a Russian regiment, Petrograd records, drove a force of Bulgarians into Lake Ibolata. A great many Bulgarians were drowned and 115 were made prisoner.

The artillery bombardment continues at various points on the eastern front. Berlin reports increased activity, especially in the Somme sector and on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the scene of the latest French advance.

In Galicia, near the Zlochoff-Tarnopol railroad, there has been a spirited engagement. Berlin reports the breaking of the advanced Russian line northwest of Zalostse; while Petrograd says the Austro-Germans were compelled to retire after occupying some trenches. Some fighting has taken place in the Trotus valley on the Moldavian frontier and along the Byatrisa river in the Carpathians.

El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez canal in Egypt, has been captured by British troops. The town has been occupied for twp years by the Turks, who had built strong entrenchments around it. The defenders fled from El Arish on the approach of the British army.

TEIPER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Iron Nerve of Defendant Gives Way When Verdict is Announced.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John Edward Teiper, charged with having killed his mother last January, was found guilty of second degree murder late today by a jury which had deliberated 29 hours. The sentence prescribed for second degree murder is a minimum of 20 years imprisonment. Sentence on Teiper was deferred.

The verdict broke the iron nerve of the young defendant, who throughout the long trial had given no sign of emotion. As the jury foreman announced the verdict Teiper's knees sagged and he would have fallen had he not been caught by a deputy.

"Oh, my God," he shrieked as he struggled to rise, "this is not fair; this isn't human."

In all the balloting up to the last vote, it was said, eleven jurors had stood for first degree murder. One man, according to report, held out against that verdict because the evidence was circumstantial. He could not be won over and the compromise verdict was given.

GIRL BRINGS PEACE' LETTER FROM ENGLAND

Appeals to President to Stop the European Conflict

Letter Was Written By Bertrand Russel, English Pacifist, and Sent By Messenger to Evade the Censor

New York, Dec. 22.—A girl who came to America as a messenger from Bertrand Russel, an English pacifist, famous as a philospher, delivered to the American Neutral Conference here today an open letter from Mr. Russel addressed to President Wilson appealing to him to "bring peace to Europe". The letter was sent by messenger to evade the British censor. The name of its bearer was not disclosed through fear of making trouble for her should she return to England. Three members of the conference committee, George Foster Peabody, Paul Kellogg, and Miss Emily Greene Balch, were selected to carry the letter to President Wilson and left here tonight for Washington.

Mr. Russel, who is the heir of Earl Russel and was a lecturer and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, recently was fined $500 for having written a pamphlet opposing conscription in England. He also was prohibited from coming to the United States to lecture at Harvard and was forbidden to enter any prohibited area in London.

In his letter Mr. Russel asserted that it was within the power of the President to "bring the war to an end by a just peace", and that "the United States has the power, not only to compel the European governments to make peace but also to reassure the popula-

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RECESS IS TAKEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Congress Has Crowded Record Amount of Work Into Brief Period of Session

TO RE-CONVENE JANUARY 2

In Neither House Nor Senate Has Much Consideration Been Given Railroad Legislation Suggested by President.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Congress adjourned today for the Christmas holidays to reconvene January 2. In the three weeks of the session, the House passed five government supply measures, the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District of Columbia and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, more than ever were passed before in the brief period preceding a holiday recess.

One of these bills, the urgent deficiency, has passed the Senate.

Railroad legislation suggested by President Wilson failed to get much attention in either branch. The House Commerce committee decided to await initiative action in the Senate, where, beginning January 2, the Senate Commerce committee will hold hearings on the proposed railroad arbitration measure and the bill authorizing the President to take over the railroad, telephone and telegraph lines in case of military necessity.

At the conclusion of the hearings, the railroad measures in some form will be pressed as amendments to the pending bill to enlarge the Interstate Commerce Commission. Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, hopes to get action before the March adjournment.

The Senate passed the immigration bill with its literacy test provision, and it now is in the conference. The Senate also began consideration of the District of Columbia prohibition bill, and fixed January 9 for a vote.

The National Prohibition Constitutional amendment was reported favorably from the judiciary committee in each house and will be pressed by its champions at every opportunity, although they have little hope of securing the necessary two-thirds majority at this session.

House committees also reported the Borland food investigation resolution with a favorable recommendation, and the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment for woman suffrage without recommendation. Neither resolution advanced to consideration in the House.

MUST SHOW WHY THEY SHOULD NOT RETURN CARS

Commerce Comission to Hear Railroads' Reasons December 28.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An order was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today requiring the railroads to show cause at a hearing here December 28 why they should not return at once to their owners, without diversion of misuse, all foreign coal and refrigerator cars immediately after unloading at their destination.

The commission's order follows an announcement yesterday by the American Railway Association's car service commission that eight of the large railroads, seven of them in the East, had failed to comply with its instructions to deliver a designated excess of box cars to Southern and Western connections above the number of such cars received.

The car commission has established headquarters here and for weeks has been working in co-operation with officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission to relieve the almost nation-wide car shortage.

CHARLOTTE STANDS GOOD CHANCE FOR FARM LOAN BANK

Is One of Five Cities Being Given Special Consideration.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Federal Farm Loan Board, in considering 150 cities for locations for the 12 farm loan banks soon to be announced, is understood to be paying special attention to the claims of Charlotte, N. C.; New Orleans, Houston, Texas; Baltimore, Springfield, Mass. It is understood the board has virtually decided on the location of six banks and that the other six, chiefly in the West, practically are undecided.

Some complete announcement is expected within two weeks.

JAPANESE GENERAL ARRIVES

Lands at New York From France—Refuses to State His Business.

New York, Dec. 22.—Major General Masataro Fukuda, chief of the second section of the general staff of the Japanese army war office and recently an observer attached to the French army, arrived here today on the French liner La Touraine from Bordeaux.

General Fukuda declined to say whether he had any special mission here, but members of his party said his visit was entirely unofficial and that he would soon proceed to Japan. Discussing the European war, General Fukuda said that his impartial view as a soldier was that the Entente Allies could not lose their cause.

TEUTONIC FORCES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA

Berlin, Dec. 22. (via Sayville)—Teutonic forces continue to advance in the Dobrudja and have taken 900 Russian prisoners, says the official statement issued from German general headquarters today. On the other fronts there has been but little activity.

BERLIN RECEIVES NEWS OF PRESIDENT'S NOTE WITH A TREMENDOUS WELCOME

Impression of Official and Newspaper Circles Displayed in Large Head-Lines Hailing It as All-Important News of the Christmas Season; Chief Interest in London Centers in Reception of Note by the Central Powers

Berlin, Dec. 22. (via London).—The announcement of President Wilson's peace endeavor, received through the Associated Press, was accorded a tremendous welcome in Berlin. The impression of official and newspaper circles appeared in the noon editions under large display headlines as the all important news of the Christmas season, reviving the interest in the German peace overtures which had sunk to a low point under the influence of preliminary declarations of statesmen of the Entente powers.

The American embassy, to which the ambassador, James W. Gerard, returned late last night from New York, the Associated Press correspondent and the American charge, Joseph C. Grew, were besieged by newspaper men who sought additional information concerning the President's peace note, but nothing beyond the press dispatches could be given.

CONTINUES ONLY SUBJECT OF INTEREST IN LONDON

London, Dec. 23.—Chief interest here concerning President Wilson's note to the belligeent and neutral powers on the possibilities of the belligerents making known their requirements concerning peace, now centers upon the reception of the document by the Central Powers. The first advices received here from Germany regarding the note evince enthusiasm and welcome it, as was the reverse in England.

The discussion here overnight was so absorbed in British emotions and as to the type of what should be Great Britain's reply that the attitude of the Central Powers commanded little attention.

The note continues to be the only subject of interest here. Its only parallel in Anglo-American relations as regards the sensation it created was President Cleveland's Venezuelan message, and the two documents are coupled as having created a similar impression.

All discussion in official quarters emphasizes the point that the policy of the Entente Allies and their procedure toward the peace overtures of the Central Powers will not be altered by President Wilson's appearance upon the stage as a participant in events.

PEACE NOTES NOT MENTIONED IN KING GEORGE'S MESSAGE

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued today until February 7 without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it. Neither the note nor the German peace proposals were mentioned in the king's speech, read in both houses, the speech expressing confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allies and determination to prosecute war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

The text of the king's speech was as follows:

"My lords and gentlemen: Throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my navy and my army in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful allies, have by their unceasing vigilance and indomitable valor justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that, however long the struggle, their efforts, supported by the inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the empire, will finally achieve the victorious consummation of those aims for which I entered into this war.

"My government has been reconstructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpaired. I thank you for the unstinted liberality with which you continue to provide for the burdens of the war. The vigorous prosecution of this war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. In this sacred cause I am assured of the united support of all my peoples and I pray that the Almighty God may give us His blessing."

King George was not present in person at the proroguation which was effected by the lord high chancellor in the house of lords and by the speaker in the house of commons reading the king's speech. Assent also was given by royal commission to a number of acts of parliament.

GERMANY REPORTED READY TO STATE HER PEACE TERMS

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says it is announced semiofficially that should the Entente Allies, in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers, leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers, which contained the announcement, declared that the speeches of Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Briand did not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the Entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer, and that therefore the German government will define its attitude after the receipt of the reply.

THE TEMPS POINTS OUT MR. WILSON'S "FUNDAMENTAL ERROR"

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Temps, which carries great political weight, after alluding to what it terms the courteous and precise form of President Wilson's note, says:

"It certainly seems that the Washington cabinet in its desire for peace has neglected to look the problem in the face and weigh the real evidence.

"President Wilson's fundamental error dates far back, to his refusal to pass upon the initial responsibility for the war. Judge what the two groups of belligerents say and think about peace. Can one forget that one of them deliberately broke the peace while the other did everything to keep it?"

The Temps remarks that President Wilson seems to see in Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech a declaration of respect for the rights of small nations and asks:

"Can one forget in this connection

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SUPREME COURT FILES OPINIONS IN 10 CASES

Appeal of J. J. Britt From Judge Adams is Included.

Opinion, Written by Justice Allen, Is Lengthy and Discusses Case from Every Angle—Court Recesses to December 29.

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions this afternoon in ten appeals and took recess to December 29, not having been able to complete the work of the term in time for final adjournment before the Christmas holidays. The opinion in the appeal of J. J. Britt from Judge Adams, in dismissing the writ of mandamus against the Buncombe county board of elections in his contest to prevent the certificate of election to Congress being awarded to Z. V. Weaver, was included, this being written by Justice Allen.

It is a document of some ten pages, discussing the case from every angle. While affirming Judge Adams in the dismissal of the writ, the court takes occasion to say:

"We would also hold that the so-called 'supplementary' returns ought not to have been considered if, as the plaintiff contends, they were made up after the registrar and poll holders had fully performed their duties and without calling these officers together again for the purpose".

Judge Shaw Without Authority

The opinion sets out that in the first place Judge Shaw was without authority to issue the writ of mandamus but that, it having passed to hearing before Judge Adams without this issue being raised, the findings of Judge Adams as to the facts are final

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STOCK MARKET TAKES ON BUOYANT ATTITUDE

Considerable Recovery is Made From Thursday's Slump

Better Known Issues Gain From Five to Ten Points and Considerably More in the Ultra-Speculative Class.

New York, Dec. 22.—Bouyancy marked the stock market today. The slump of the last fortnight, which culminated in yesterday's demoralization, gave way to recoveries of five to ten points in the better known stocks and considerable more in issues of an ultra-speculative class.

On today's extreme recoveries, numerous shares fully gained yesterday's losses, while a few were at or above final quotations of Wednesday. The rebound was effected on a much smaller volume of operations—about 1,750,000 shares—against the tremendous outpouring of more than 3,000,000 shares Thursday.

Outstanding factors today were the better understanding of the international situation based upon reports from Washington and other centers of importance and the support given by investors who quickly availed themselves of the "bargains" offered at yesterday's decline.

Today's recovery began at the opening, when stocks of all descriptions showed gains of 3 to 8 points. Setbacks of 2 to 5 points, occasioned by professional profit-taking, occurred during the morning, with dullness and some hesitation at midday, when the speech by King George became public.

Best prices were recorded in the last hour, when the market again became active and trading was broader than at

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MUSIC FESTIVAL IS SUED FOR $30,000

Former Assistant Manager Says It Was a Scheme to Boom Real Estate of Promoters

DIRECTORS WERE 'DUMMIES'

R. O. Alexander and Associates Charged With Diverting Original Philanthropic Aims to Selfish Purposes—No Auditorium.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 22.—F. S. Westbrook, former assistant manager of the National Music Festival of America, the half million dollar musical enterprice of Black Mountain, started civil action here today against the corporation for recovery of $30,000.

He alleges that G. W. Hinspaw and H. D. Shutt, of Winston-Salem, and R. O. Alexander, the defendants, have diverted the original aims of the company and used the philanthropic movement to "boom" their real estate holdings in Black Mountain.

R. O. Everett, of the law firm of Manning, Everett & Kitchin, has been employed to fight the Music Festival corporation to a finish.

The complaint charges that R. O. Alexander, a cotton speculator of Charlotte, and one of the principal directors, sold 13 acres of his land for $13,000 and another lot of 27 acres for $50,000. He is alleged to have negotiated this contract when other sites just as suitable were offered free to the philanthropic movement.

Westbrook charges R. O. Alexander with having placed on the board of directors "dummies", business associates whom he could control. He 'furthermore alleges that Alexander selected a large list of public spirited men of America as an advisory board to offset the selfish motives which he had concocted.

Governors of South Carolina and North Carolina, Editor Richard H. Edmonds, of the Manufacturers Record; Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, and Editor Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, are among the distinguished men on the advisory board.

The $500,000 auditorium has not been built.

JOHN L. CASPER PARDONED AFTER ONE YEAR IN PRISON

Wires Friend in Winston-Salem That He Will Arrive There Sunday

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 22.—John L. Casper, of Winston-Salem, convicted about a year ago in the Federal court at Fort Smith, Ark., in numerous counts of defrauding the government and sentenced to the Leavenworth prison for a term of nine years received his pardon tonight at 9 o'clock, according to a telegram received from him by a friend in this city. Casper states in the telegram that he will arrive here Sunday.

The case in which Casper was convicted was one which attracted wide attention, the evidence showing that he had defrauded the government out of thousands of dollars in revenue on whiskey manufactured at his distilleries at Fort Smith Ark., and St. Louis, Mo. Property valuec at about $100,000 was confiscated by the government and, in addition to the sentence he was fined $33,000.

Casper has been in Jacksonville, Fla., for two weeks as a witness in the case against Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, who was convicted in the Federal court there a week ago. The conviction of McCoy is thought to have had some influence in Casper's getting the pardon, coupled with the report that he has been an ideal prisoner.

Casper's total sentence amounted to over 40 years, but the sentences were made to overlap, totaling about nine years.

PRAISES ARMY ENGINEERS FOR FLOOD RELIEF WORK

Secretary Baker Endorses Review of the Work in Southern States.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Gratification over results accomplished by the engineer corps in relieving distress caused by storms in Southern states last July was expressed by Secretary Baker in his endorsement of a review of the work made public today. He directed the chief of engineers to express his appreciation to the officers concerned.

A letter from Senator Underwood praising the efficiency of the corps accompanied the papers.

The report deals with the use made of the $570,000 Congress authorized for relief work.

"Most of the relief was given by employing the destitute on road work," it says, "there being not enough river improvement or other public work of the United States to furnish employment for all."

DEATHS IN MASONIC HOME FIRE MAY NUMBER OVER FIVE

Ruins of Big Building Not Yet Thoroughly Searched.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 22.—The critical condition of three persons injured in the Kansas Masonic fire today caused fears tonight that the death list of five would be increased.

Two of the injured are children. All were overcome by smoke before they could be rescued from the burning building and were revival with difficulty.

It has been impossible yet to search thoroughly the ruins of the huge building from which four charred bodies were recovered today, but hope virtually was abandoned for a fifth person, a young woman.

Probably twenty-five of the rescued are under the care of physicians.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FELT IN WAR ZONE

Great Truck Loads of Presents for Armies in France Seen Going to Front Daily.

HANDLING MAIL A PROBLEM

Powder and Shell Assert Their Prerogative of Preference—Artillery Activity Will Not Slacken During Holidays.

With the Armies in France, Dec. 22, via London.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—In these last days before Christmas it is a strange procession indeed that winds its way on the travel-scarred roads of northern France to where the greatest armies the world has ever known are locked in a life and death struggle.

Vieing with the seemingly endless train of motor trucks groaning under capacity weights of powder, shells and all the varied and sinister material of war, are numberless other trucks fairly bulging with presents and greetings of the yule tide. Oddly enough tops of trucks are decorated gaily with holly and mistletoe. It appears now that no soldier, regardless of how humble his station, will be forgotten.

The handling of the vast amount of mail for the English, Canadian and Australian troops is fraught with great difficulties for powder and shell assert their prerogative of preference and the holiday season will bring no lessening of the gun pressure on any part of the front. Despite the complex problems connected with the task, the organization behind the British front makes it possible for letters and parcels to reach the men in the front line trenches 48 hours after their posting in London. One reason for this is that the mail is being handled and distributed by "Tommies" who formerly were postal employes.

The Canadians received the bulk of the mail last week, most of the soldiers obeying with childish impatience instructions not to open the parcels until Christmas. The mail for the Australian trops necessarily was posted six or seven weeks ago and naturally there were many casualties in that period so that the authorities were confronted with a number of parcels which never will reach their intended owners.

A feature of the Christmas army mails is that the outgoing post is almost as heavy as the incoming, with a strange cross current of money orders going home and coming out.

Some idea of the army postal problems may be gained from the fact that normall the British send 1,100,000 letters and postcards and 11,000 parcels daily. This number is being doubled and trebled during the Christmas rush. Another interesting fact is that a soldier receives an average of four letters a week and writes one. The packages being sent from the front contain all manner of souvenirs from the battlefields and trenches. Letters and parcels for the men on the very front line are sent to them with their ations. The favorite Christmas card that the "Tommies" are sending home is one on which loving mottoes are woven with vari-colored silk threads.

PAUL ROCKWELL MARRIED

Brother of Kiffin Rockwell Weds in France.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Paul Rockewll, formerly of the Foreign Legion and brother of Kiffin Rockwell, the American aviator, who was recently killed on the French front, was married Wednesday to Jeanne Yeygues, daughter of George Leygues, former minister of public instruction. The ceremony was quiet, as both families are in mourning.

"BUFFALO BILL" IMPROVING

Physicians Say Recovery is Assured Unless There is Relapse.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—The condition of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May Decker, tonight was said to be improved. Colonel Cody had been suffering from a nervous breakdown, aggravated by a severe cold for about ten days. Attending physicians said recovery was assured within a few days unless he suffers a relapse.

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ally convinced, and so reported to their governments that no step towards peace would be taken unless a decided change occurred.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS MAY ACT ON PRESIDENT'S NOTE

New York, Dec. 22.—Action by general church organizations on President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers was foreshadowed here today by announcements that meetings will be held in the near future to consider the message. It was announced by the Church Peace Union that a conference of the trustees had been called for next week and hope was expressed by one of the members that action endorsing the note would be taken.

It also was announced by the Federal Council of the Churches in America that a meeting of its administrative committee would be held next week to take up the subject. It was said that advices from church representatives abroad as to the effect of the President's message there would be taken into consideration in determining the attitude of the committee.

GIRL BRINGS 'PEACE' LETTER FROM ENGLAND

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tions by making itself the guarantor of the peace."

"Such action", Mr. Russel wrote "even if it were resented by the governments, would be hailed with joy by the populations."

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BERLIN RECEIVES NEWS OF WILSON'S NOTE WITH A TREMENDOUS WELCOME

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the wrong of Austria against Serbia; the wrongs of Germany against Belgium?"

After saying that the war map put forward by Germany in her peace proposals presents only an outward, momentarily appearance of the situation, The Temps concludes:

"The wish of the United States for peace was ours and that of our allies thirty months ago. The war was imposed on us by a people eager for conquest, and now we want that victory which alone will create a durable peace."

AMBASSADOR SHARP HANDS NOTE TO FRENCH PREMIER

Paris, Dec. 22.—William G. Sharp, the American ambassador to France, delivered personally to Premier Briand between 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock last night Secretary of State Lansing's note to the belligerent nations. Paris newspapers this evening print the note textually.

NOTE PRESENTED TO THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22, (via London).—President Wilson's note to the belligerents was handed to the German foreign office last evening by the 'charges d'affaires of the American embassy, according to a Berlin telegram today.

BELIEVE PRESIDENT'S NOTE HAS "SOMETHING BEHIND IT."

London, Dec. 23.—The morning newspapers again today are giving ample space to President Wilson's note, assiduously seeking to penetrate into any possible concealed motive that may have led the President to what is considered here, on all sides, a most inopportune movement. According to the Washington correspondents of London newspapers the opinion in the United States as well as here, is that there must be "something behind it," and it is the opinion of many of the newspaper writers that this fact was inadvertently revealed by Secretary Lansing when he referred to the United States as on the verge of being drawn into the war. The suggestion is put forward by some of the writers that what would possibly so involve the United States would be a resumption on a still greater scale of Germany's submarine policy.

The idea that either the present or the coming Congress would consent to an embargo on food and cotton exports is generally scouted.

GERARD DISCUSSES NOTE WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY

Berlin, Dec. 22. (via London, Dec. 23.)—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, at noon today had a conference with Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, foreign secretary, during which President Wilson's note was one of the chief topics of discussion. The ambassador also was able to give Dr. Zimmerman a general picture of the situation from the Amrican standpoint, having come to Germany fresh from conferences with President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

Joseph C. Grew, the American charge d'affaires, received President Wilson's note yesterday and immediately presented it to Dr. Zimmerman and had with him a confidential discussion concerning the document.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Amy Grantham Dead—Rural Carriers Get Back Pay.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 22.—The city graded schools here closed today for a ten days' vacation during the Christmas holidays. The last three days of the present week have been taken up with mid-term examinations.

Mrs. Amy Grantham, 83 years of age, died at her home, six or seven miles west of here, Thursday night at 10 o'clock. Although Mrs. Grantham had well passed the allotted "three score and ten," she continued to enjoy her usual good health until Monday of this week, when she fell out of doors, sustaining injuries that hastened her passing. George and Daniel Grantham, two well-known Mount Olive citizens ,sons of Mrs. Grantham, and quite a number of relatives in her home community survive her.

Due to orders that Postmaster Benjamin A. Summerlin has just received from the department, instructing him to pay to the five rural carriers on the five routes leading from this this office and to the two carriers on the two loop routes, six and seven, "back rations" in varing proportions to amount of $560. those servants of the people will undoubtedly go about the increased labors incident to the holiday season with much lighter hearts.

These "back rations" are due the carriers as a result of a misconstruction of the provisions of the postal appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, as a result of which the carriers didn't get as much as Congress intended they should. The error is being corrected according to the provisions of the act of July 28, 1916. The back pay is apportioned as follows: Carrier 1, $84; No. 2 $32; No. 3 $76; No. 4 $80; No. 5 $92; No. 6 $96; No. 7 $100.

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

Carries a Total of $5,165,746 For the Foreign Service

Washington, Dec. 22.—The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill carrying a total of $5,165,746 for the foreign service and including provision for increased allowances for consular offices at foreign ports, on account of high cost of living, was passed today by the House.

Just before the vote Representative Bennett, of New York, Republican, had attached an amendment to withhold the salary of Robert W. Bliss, counsellor of the American embassy at Paris, because he declined to give a letter of introduction to the Belgian legation to Chas. Edward Russell, socialist editor, who had criticised President Wilson. Administration leaders expect the amendment to be eliminated in the Senate.

VILLA ATTACKED TORREON YESTERDAY, IT IS REPORTED

Battle Was Still in Progress at Noon, It Was Stated.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Francisco Villa's forces began an attack on Torreon this morning, according to unconfirmed reports received here today. The battle was said to be in progress at noon.

A report received here and said to have come from Chihuahua City said Villa and his forces were attacking Torreon and that a bloody battle was ensuing. This report was said to have been received by General Francisco Murguia, at Chihuahua City, by wireless from Torreon.

SPORTS

HANSON DOWNS UNKNOWN

Local Crack Wins From Unknown Matman After Stubborn and Spectacular Battle.—John Olin Coming

Fritz Hanson won from the Masked Marvel at Woolvin Hall last night with two straight falls, after one of the hardest fought and most spectacular mat battles ever staged in Wilmington. The Unknown gave up under the excessive punishment of a hammerlock and head scissors in the first fall after one hour and nine minutes, and yielded the second under the same hold after 22 minutes.

The match was witnessed by what was perhaps the largest crowd that has assembled for a wrestling match this season. They were amply repaid, too, for the gruelling contest was at all times spectacular, and at some stages brought the spectators to their feet.

Hanson proved himself to be the Unknown's equal in speed, and considerably his master from a scientific point of view. He demonstrated that he was the stronger of the two, and at no time during the long drawn out struggle was he in danger more than momentarily. Had no fall been decided, the local man would certainly have been the winner on points.

But the marvel was no easy mark by any means. He was one of the most spectacular mat artists who has appeared in Wilmington, and his clever work won him many friends in the audience. According to the opinion expressed by several old wrestling fans, Hanson is much faster than when he met the unknown last year, while the latter seems to have struck the down grade.

The Marvel gave Fritz all that he was looking for in the first fall and time again for a moment it would look as if Hanson was doomed. Each time he came back strong, however. The Unknown seemed to be far stronger of the two in the opening minutes, but his strength waned as the battle wore on. Hanson was unable to accomplish anything with his opponents head during the first fall.

In the second session, Hanson took the offensive from the start. At one time he fairly made a battering ram out of the Marvel's body, and lifting him clear of the floor he brought him down again and again on the mat. His superiority in the closing stages was clearly evidenced.

The masked matman amused the crowd by his many comic grimaces, and the careless looking way in which he went about the scrap. During the early part of the contest, he stepped several times to wink at some of his admirers who were yelling encouragement to him.

At the conclusion of the bout, the Marvel made a speech in which he said that Hanson was too heavy for him, and that as soon as Fritz would make 150 pounds, he would be willing to put up a side bet for a return match. Hanson stated that he had been trying for several years to get into the middleweight class, and did not deem it worth while to take off all the weight that he has built up during that time, for the sake of one match. Referee McGurley announced that the two men would probably make arrangements later.

It was announced from the ring that Hanson has practicallly closed with John Olin, heavyweight champion of the world, to appear here next Friday night. Olin won his title by pinning the shoulders of the hitherto unbeaten Joe Stecher to the mat in Springfield, Mass., last week. It was pointed out that it would take a considerabley larger guarantee to bring the champion to Wilmington, than has been the case with some of the smaller fry who have been appearing here. When the question was put to the fans as to whether they would be willing to pay a higher price of admission to see the champion in action, they eagerly agreed. Olin's opponent will be announced early during the coming week.

The Marvel doffed his mask after being introduced to the spectators, previous to the contest, but postively refused to divulge his name. The name that he has used in Wilmington, when he found it necessary to use a name was "Louis Lareau" but as to whether this is his real name or not, is, of course, a matter of conjecture. He stated that the work of Referee McGurley was highly satisfactory to him.

This was the fifth match between the two. Each has won two bouts, while the other was a draw. Hanson will meet the middleweight champion of England at Columbia, S. C. on January 8.

SIX LEADERS IN "BIKE" RACE 122 MILES BEHIND RECORD

New York, Dec. 22.—More than 122 miles behind the record, the six leading teams in the six day bicycle race had covered 2,182 miles and three laps at 10 o'clock tonight, the 118th hour. Root and Madden were setting the pace after a series of sprints, in three of which McNamara had taken the honors.

Three of the teams were one lap behind the leaders and two other teams were still another lap in the rear. The record for the 118th hour is 2,304 miles and nine laps, made by Verri and Egg in 1914.

DECISION FAVORS FORD.

Dodge Brothers' Petition to Broaden Injunction is Denied.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22.—The state supreme court today denied a petition filed by John F. Dodge and Horace E. Dodge, of Detroit, which asked that the scope of their injunction restraining Henry Ford from using the cash surplus of the Ford Motor Company be broadened. The injunction, granted recently in Detroit, restrains Ford from spending this surplus for at least 60 days and has halted the construction of a smelter near Detroit.

The supreme court has not yet acted upon Ford's petition to have the present injunction dissolved.

The Dodge Brothers, who are motor car manufacturers and stockholders in the Ford company, want the Ford profits disbursed as dividends.

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Trade Commission to Resume Hearings December 29.

It Proposes to Make Inquiry As to Cost of Manufacture and Jobbers' Profits— Hopes to Relieve Small Publications

Washington, Dec. 22.—Public hearings in the Federal Trade Commission's newsprint paper investigation will be resumed Friday, December 29. The commission announced today that phases of the situation not completed at the previous hearing would be taken up, including reasonableness of prices, cost of manufacture and jobbers profits.

"It is hoped," said the announcement, "that a plan will be devised which will prevent the suspension of publications now dependent on the open market for their paper supply. It is also expected that information being collected now will throw much light on the problem".

Resumption of the hearings, it was explained, does not necessarily mean the failure of a newsprint distribution plan proposed last week by the manufacturers under which the larger publishers would share paper they have bought on contract for 1917 needs with small publishers who buy in the open market.

Committee of the interests concerned are co-operating with the Trade Commission, in accordance with an agreement reached after last week's hearings, to ascertain the extent of next year's paper needs and the probable output of the mills. In the proposed distribution plan small publishers would be supplied with paper at the average price sold all customers.

Information collected by the Trade Commission's investigators concerning profits and costs of paper manufacture presented at the last hearing but not taken up at length after the distribution proposal was made, will be gone into at the new hearings.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Tone Much Steadier With Gains Made in All Months Except January.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—A much steadier tone ruled in the cotton market today, although there were unsettled periods and even weagness. There was not the selling power, however, which had been so conspicuous of late and the market had strength of its own. The market opened and closed at the advance, last prices on all but January being 19 to 21 points up. January closed net unchanged.

Liverpool did not respond to yesterday's sensational slump and bulls bought moderately on the opening and for a while after and met only small offerings. This started recent short sellers to buying covers in order to realize their profits, and prices were lifted 37 to 51 points over yesterday's close.

Toward the middle of the day there was a falling off from the high. January finally developed marked weakness, falling to a net loss of 21 points. A cablegram from a prominent English cotton authority predicting a lower market in the event of peace, stimulated some selling, but at the lowest the list, except January, stood 8 points under to 10 points over yesterday's close. Late in the day the market strengthened again on the visible supply which showed a decrease for the week of 29,211 bales of American.

Cotton futures closing bid: January 15.69; March 15.96; May 16.17; July 16.37; October 16.49.

Spot cotton nominal, unchanged; sales on the spot, none; to arrive 100 bales; middling 17.25.

NO HEAVY DEMAND FOR TURKEYS

They Are Plentiful in Craven, But Prices Considered Too High.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 22.—There are thousands of turkeys in Craven county that would well grace the tables of local residents on Christmas Day but, as was the case on Thanksgiving Day, there is every reason to believe that there will be but few of these disposed of for this purpose.

The high cost of these fowl is the cause of the fact that residents of New Bern and other cities and towns in this part of the State are not taking to the bird very kindly.

The consumers claim that the raisers are charging too much for them and the men who own the fowl claim that they can get the price elsewhere and local citizens are telling them to go ahead and get it and are spending their money for chickens, ducks and geese.

STORM HITS FIVE YACHTS

One, the Sheerwater, Goes Ashore and is Taken to Safety Near Southport, Leaking.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Dec. 22.—A fleet of five yachts from the North, on their way to Southern waters, came out of Bogue sound Wednesday and encountered thick weather.

The yacht Sheerwater, owned by Geo. Burch, from Ohio, went ashore on Wednesday night, at Bald Head point. The coast guard crews went to the yacht's assistance. By running out anchors, the yacht was floated before day this morning, taken to marsh back of Fort Caswell, and placed in a safe position. It is leaking badly.

Another of the yachts, with a man, aged 65, and his wife, is reported being blown nine miles off shore, after coming out of Bogue sound. A vessel is said to be standing off to go to the yacht's aid.

There are several yachts at anchor in this harbor, waiting more favorable weather, to proceed to the Southward.

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THEATRICAL

For today the Grand takes extreme pleasure in being able to announce a return showing of that great Chaplin Mutual comedy feature, "The Count," which was first presented at the Grand some five or six weeks ago, since which time there had been numerous requests for another showing of this great picture.

When first presented, it was a disagreeable day, and there are many who did not see it, and for these it may be stated that in "The Count" Charlie Ilin did some of the most difficult comedy work of his entire career. As the masquerader in the first part of the film he was one continual howl from beginning to end and in many scenes will be seen in absolutely new stunts never before employed by the famous million aire comedy kind to get the laughs. And that he gets them voluminously is evidenced by the fact that return engagements of this great comedy picture are playing everywhere to more business than when first presented.

Beautiful Edna Purviance, Chaplin's leading lady, has the most difficult role of her career in this great comedy scream, and lends an air of enchanting beauty to the many laughable scenes, acting as a sort of foil for Chaplin's irresistible comedy stunts.

There will be other big features on today's bill at the Grand, so as to make it a real bargain affair.

Big Universal Bill—Bijou

The greatest bill of movies presented by Universal in six months is the positive guarantee of the Bijou management for today at that theatre. It is absolutely the greatest bill within the recollection of the writer, and will positively stand out as the biggest money's worth ever seen at the Bijou. No—patrons—don't overlook this straight tip, for if you will just note you will be satisfied that what we say is true.

The bill is headed by a mammoth two reel L-Ko comedy scream which for thrills and laughs all mixed in together has never been equalled before. It is entitled "The High Diver Curse" and it stars at the head of the cast inimitiable Dan Russell, he of the lofty proportions and laughable manner, supported by all the big stars of the L-Ko comedy company.

And now comes the rare treat, Phillips Smalley in the first picture he has appeared in the Universal program in more than twelve months—"A Strange Mother", a tense, dramatic gem, in which this talented and famous actor does some marvelous work.

And still more—Animated Weekly for this week contains some of the biggest events you have ever seen on the screen, and will be thoroughly enjoyed.

Biggest of the Week—Royal

"The biggest show of the week." That was the unanimous opinion of the large crowds who witnessed "The King of the Hereafter" as presented by Danny Lund's Triangle Girls at the Royal yesterday afternoon and last night. Absolutely the prettiest set of special scenery ever seen in Wilmington with a popular priced attraction, acted as a back-ground for the brightest, spiciest, wittiest song and dance show ever seen here.

Danny Lund appears in this bill in a blackface role, and he is one continual scream from first to last. Bill Slausen as "The Devil" brought two laughs where none grew before, and was a continual scream. Hy Jensen, the inimitiable yodeler and comedy artist as "Hong Kong Lee" was another scream that went over big with the crowds.

The real big feature of this bill is undoubtedly the big dancing and song numbers, put on in truly high class style by the pretty chorus of the Triangle Girls Company. Chief among them is "Every Good Little Girl" which made a distinct hit as rendered by Miss Ellinore Glenn. Miss Erwin with "My Own Iona" that great Broadway ballad hit, called for continued applause as did "Down in Memphis" by Miss Drisdale. Danny Lund in rendering "Rag Time Ball" was a big hit, and Hy Jensen with a yodel specialty and Miss Tyson with one of the niftiest toe dance specialties ever seen here, all went over big. This is a show that will please the most fastidious, and no one should miss seeing it today on its last appearance.

The Prince of Pilsen

It is a delight to record the coming to the Academy on Monday, January 1st, of an elaborate revival of Pixley and Luder's famous masterpiece of musical comedy, "The Prince of Pilsen." "Pilsen's" tunes never grow old and the public appear to be just as anxious for the alluring strains of "The Message of the Violet," "Heidelberg," "The Tale of the Sea Shedd," and the many other well known favorites in the score as they were when it was first produced some 13 years ago.

The Birth of a Nation.

D. W. Griffith's stupendous spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," will return to Wilmington for a two-day engagement starting Christmas day. Four performances will be given in the two days. The matinee performance will start at 3:15; the evening at 8:15.

The presentation of the spectacle in this city for the return will be identical with the showing last year, when over five thousand theatre-goers were in attendance. Fully as many were disappointed in not being able to secure tickets.

Mr. Griffith has announced that this is the farewell tour of "The Birth of a Nation," which will be replaced on the road at the close of the present season by his new super-spectacle, "Intolerance." "Intolerance" is the first and only production he has made since "The Birth of a Nation" and it has been proclaimed the world's greatest artistic triumph. The Academy of Music will be the first city in this section to present "Intolerance."

The prices have been greatly reduced for "The Birth of a Nation." The best seats for the evening performances may be obtained for one dollar to one dollar and a half. The matinee prices run from fifty cents to one dollar. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy.

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POLAR EXPEDITION MAY GET AWAY NEXT SUMMER

Will be Headed by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett

Another Similar Expedition Will Start From Norway in Charge of Captain Amundsen, Discoverer of the South Pole

Washington, Dec. 22.—Arrangements for the American Polar Expedition, to be headed by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, Peary's navigator on his dash to the North Pole, have progressed to the point where it is possible that the expedition, which is to be similar to another led by Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, may get away next summer.

Rear Admiral Peary, who returned today from New York, where he conferred with Amundsen and Bartlett, understands that sufficient money has been subscribed privately to carry through the expedition which probably will cost about $200,000. Amundsen's expedition is being organized in Norway and will cost about as much. Both will be prepared to stay on the ice from three to five years to make a scientific study of physical conditions in the Central Polar regions. Both explorers will use aeroplanes and have the active co-operation of the Aero Club of America in forming their equipment of aeroplanes and aviators.

Arrangements will be made for co-ordination of the scientific observations of the two expeditions. With the aid of their aviation equipment they may be able to complete the geographical reconnoissance of the entire North Polar ocean, and it is possible that in the event of the crushing of either one of the ships by ice, the aeroplanes may be instrumental in enabling one crew to reach the other ship by establishing direct communication and carrying supplies.

If the work of the aeroplanes is satisfactory, it would make possible the circumnavigation of the globe via the two poles by ship and aeroplane as was predicted by Admiral Peary a few years ago.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—It was announced officially here today that the National Baseball Commission would meet in this city on January 2, 1917. At this time the class AA. draft question will be brought up by the minor leagues. The uniform players contract will be taken up and the election of officers will take place.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Out of the ivory palaces
Into a world of woe,
Only His great eternal love
Made my Saviour go.
—HENRY BARRACLOUGH.

This is rush day.

It looks like Lansing lost his head for once.

Last call for Christmas shopping and shipping!

Each man has to put the try in his triumph.

Wherever you are right now, stop a second and take a smile on us.

The best way to make people sick of war is to let them taste some of it.

We don't know enough to make a hen lay. Why not make the pullets lay?

Several kings in Europe are wondering whether they will be kings or not through 1917.

If you knock others, they will knock you for knocking them. If you knock your town, your town will knock you.

Kentucky is kicking on a bill of $200,000 for ink to supply the state departments. Kentucky's government must consist mostly of departments.

Congress was on the way but it was caught in the act. Some congressmen don't seem to know that the people as a whole are not munitions plutocrats.

The county which has employed that Mr. Jonah to manage all its affairs must know all about Jonah's experience in triumphing over incredible obstacles.

A political party can be no better than the people who make the party what it is. If morals are to supplant politics, there is no use for but one good party.

The Star congratulates its numerous weekly contemporaries upon their Christmas editions. Those handsome cover pages are beauties that evidently tell the tale of Christmas and prosperity.

If the empty Christmas stockings were all silk, it would not make so much difference, but if they are the other kind, it is the insignia of the tragedy of life.

Between them, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have hit upon a way to reduce the high cost of living by knocking the socks off those who are trying to stay in the speculation game.

Uncle Sam is tired having nothing but trouble. If the people are not satisfied, he will put off all his troubles on those who know how to run a government to the accompaniment of chin music.

If the belligerents are determined upon the chaosification of Europe, President Wilson seems to want to know it first hand so he can decide on what kind of hand Uncle Sam can play in order to protect his constantly endangered interests.

If all of us are too proud to fight and won't stand for compulsory military training so we will know how to fight if we've got to do it, other nations will have to be too ashamed to fight an untrained horde of Americans. It would be too much like taking candy from the kiddies.

What Wilson said to Lansing when he called him to the White House on Thursday afternoon, following publication of the statement from the Secretary of State which created consternation in Washington and Wall Street, would make mighty interesting reading. But it is better perhaps that we shall not have an opportunity to read it—not soon.

OPENING THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE.

Public service corporations seem to have a new vision in the adoption of a policy to get the people acquainted with them in such an intimate way as to recognize the fact that corporations and the people are closely related to one another. Corporations of a certain class furnish certain indispensable service for the convenience, economy and welfare of a community, while the people furnish the patronage that sustains the service in whatever manner it is rendered in the way of value returned for value.

The people and the corporations are dependent upon each other and there are mutual functions and duties that each performs towards each other in a common interest. They are inseparable in a way and they cannot stand aloof from each other and expect to make good at it. Their interests are too closely connected to permit of a misunderstanding that is detrimental to either the public interest or the public service.

The Southern Railway wants the people to know it better and so it has adopted the policy of taking the people into its confidence about the mutual affairs of the railroad and the people. Perhaps the people have misunderstood the railroad people for the reason that the latter have not tried to get so well acquainted with their patrons as to get their good will. Anyhow the live management of the Southern decided on its part to have a confab with the people, so the railroad is using printer's ink as the means of getting in touch with the communities and people along its lines.

The railroad is running a series of advertisements in the newspapers published in the towns and cities that are but the gems strung along on a great chain of steel. The railroad knows what the people are worth to it and it is advertising to them the meaning of the railroad to each individual community and group of people served by the Southern. They are being informed as to what their communities get out of the railroad besides service. For instance, they get millions of dollars in taxes and they get the advantages for local development by means of the public service that is rendered. The Southern has taken advantage of the press to say to its patrons that during the last ten years the Southern Railway has paid in taxes to counties, cities and states in its Southern territory the munificent sum of $12,444,584, all going towards schools, public bridges, pensions and general purposes.

Thus it is noted that the railroads as tax payers are in the same class with other tax payers, so that when the boat is rocked they are all in it together. This applies to even the smallest communities, for the railroad is a material and constructive being of every community and it and the people are neighbors along every mile of railway that serves them. It certainly is a good idea to let the people know that there are mutual interests which must not be overlooked, even if the railroad has to go to the papers in order to open the eyes of the people.

Even the Public Service Company, of Greensboro, has taken the cue from the Southern and is advertising to the people its identity with them and its value to them in addition to the street railway and lighting facilities at the service of a general public which sometimes are strangers to the company—perhaps. In 1910, the company paid city taxes amounting to $4,825.49, and five years later, in 1915, paid $13,152.45, nearly three times as much in so short a time—something like $9,000 more.

Possibly that was surprising to the Greensboro people, but in addition to that they have been informed that the company has paid or will pay about $38,000 into the street paving fund, as it is a property holder like other owners of real estate in the Gate City. Yet because the company had to rebuild its tracks on account of the paving there was an additional outlay of $50,000, making a grand total of more than $91,000, according to the Greensboro Record. Quite an item of expense, says that paper.

Greensboro must be growing some in order to enable a public service company to pay big taxes and spend huge sums in betterment, but the question is whether Greensboro or the company are worth the most to each other. After all, however, the people of any city know that they could not get along without a public service company. Without her public service company, the Gate City would lose all her nerve and the voice of her mighty boosters would no longer be heard in the midst of the thrifty Greensboro of today. Those cocky newspapers would tone down and would lament more loudly than they even do because Greensboro needs a hotel for a city of a half million population, just as soon as the chamber of commerce can locate that many people so they can enjoy the thrift and happiness in a real live North Carolina city.

Well, the public service corporations are giving the people to understand that they are very important parts of their community—lots of communities, in most instances. They are tired being looked upon as alien concerns, not vitally interested in the public—even to the intimate extent of paying taxes enough to start a factory every year. It is for the people to better understand their public service corporations and recognize the co-equality of interest that exists between the public and the public service.

The corporations are spending money wisely to get the people to understand them as neighbors and community units of more importance than is supposed.

BETTER GOVERNMENT BY BETTER METHODS

Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, in his communication in The Star a few days ago, brings up again the question of a "better form of government." That question is not new, but it never will get old till people recognize the importanee of getting better government and more economic government by better and more economical forms and methods of government. What we are really after is not better government but better administration of our government. The government is all right, but the administration goes wrong because of methods under the antiquated forms utilized for centuries in the conduct of public affairs.

It is recognized that there is too much division of authority and not enough of official responsibility to the public. The old systems of community government are not answering the needs of the people. They are too costly, too complicated and too inefficient as a whole, because the official service is not co-ordinate and directly responsible to a competent head with power to better the service in the interest of the people. Too many officials are laws unto themselves, and what is everybody's business is nobody's business in particular.

Larger responsibilities on public servants will get better qualified men for the public service. Incompetents won't apply for office when they know that a large sized man is required to answer to the people under a form of government that makes the head of the government responsible. Whatever may be the reason for the public dissatisfaction with the administration of the public business, it costs too much for the little that is gotten out of it. The people are demanding more for less expense at the hands of a county's best ability. The counties send too many boys to mill under the old system.

A county's affairs ought to be given constant attention by at least one competent head all the time—not part of the time under divided authorities as now.

THE TRACTOR IS IN SIGHT

The Whiteville News Reporter notes the fact that the Chadbourn-Whiteville road has been worked over and that other roads in Columbus county are soon to get the same treatment. In emphasizing the significance of this highway betterment, the Whiteville paper adds:

"The improvement of the highways is a great step forward in the progress of any county and we look with pleasure to the day, now not so long distant, when Columbus will have as good a system of roads as are to be found anywhere. Look at it as we may, there is no denying the fact that the automobile, good roads and progress are always found in combination and justly so. The automobile is only secondary to the railroad as a means of travel, and the man who travels in 'it search of a new home where he can invest his capital keeps his eyes open for several things and chief among them are good roads, for they are a sure sign of a happy, prosperous and progressive people who will gladly welcome the newcomer as an asset to still further development."

All that the News Reporter says is quite true. Within a few years we will begin to realize the advantage of highways to the counties which have them. There is bound to be an influx of homeseekers into those counties which have good roads. Highways cap the climax of all a county's resources and adaptabilities, for it matters not how great are the opportunities in a county for new comers, they can't get to them at all without the means of rural transportation.

Good roads in a county soon open it up to the advantage of the motor tractor for farm work and rural transportation. Where the development of roads makes it possible, many communities are enabled to co-operate in the ownership of the tractors and agricultural machinery that best serve a whole farming community.

MORE THOUGHT TO PLANTING

To the Editor of the Star:

Why not give planting a little more thought?

Picture in your mind for a moment the scene of a newly built home in a rapidly developing outlying residence section of an American city: the house has just been finished; the owner is moving in; the grounds have been graded, but are brown and bare and there is a newness in the immediate surroundings which calls for action toward landscape adornment. Not one man in a hundred knows what or how to plant trees, shrubs or flowers to fit the place. They generally buy them out of a beautiful pictured catalogue from a traveling salesman from another state who is after the money and not always after the results. They do not know whether the plants are adapted to the soil or climate and sell the plants by name and as little as possible about the size is mentioned.

This is the time to call the local nurserymen, florist, or gardener, who has had experience and a reputation to maintain. Multiply this case by ten or a hundred thousand in city, village and rural district, and you will come to an astonishing waste of money paid out for plants not suitable for the climate or soil or too small to prove satisfactory.

Improvements of waste spaces by the use of nursey stock on the parts of communities, additional small parks and squares and the planting of trees on the roadside are another addition to the beautifying of the country.

Why not give planting a little more thought?

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Asheville, Charlotte and Wilmington, it is announced, will all be candidates for the honor of entertaining the Teachers' Assembly for 1917. They will urge their claims upon the executive committee of the body, which will meet in Raleigh on January 18, probably upon the theory that they have admitted attractions, and the Capital City has been the place of meeting frequently enough to make it time that it be shared with other State cities. Such an argument will have weight if it be not met squarely upon the merits and without spirit of rivalry on the part of Raleigh. Raleigh should point out that while the principal of rotation is an excellent thing in some matters, that of gathering the State teachers in conference is not one to which it applies.—Raleigh Times.

The new law depriving the Legislature of the privilege of passing local bills goes into operation on January 10. The Legislature meets on the 3rd, so that for seven days the legislators will be in the enjoyment of the old-time privilege of introducing bills. The Wilmington Star has word from Mr. J. O. Carr and Mr. Robert Ruark, who have been sounding affairs at Raleigh, that these seven days are going to be days of plenty in the matter of introducing bills. Nearly every member of the Legislature, they report to The Star, will have from one to three private bills affecting only his own county to drop in the legislative hopper, as soon as the Speaker's gavel sounds. These matters will doubtless range from bond issues to county game laws. Bond issues for individual cities must be pushed through during the first six days or not at all, in accordance with the amendments.—Charlotte Observer.

The more the years crowd upon our people the more are we living in the Christian Era. It is not simply that we are now 1916 years beyond the birth of Christ, and that we write our time as Anno Domini, but it is that the ideas and the ideals of Christianity are becoming more firmly imbedded in the life of the people of this Republic. In one thing in this country there is given increased demonstration of this in the treatment we accord the dependent and the criminal. In all sections of the country there are increasing numbers of charitable organizations which look after the care of the unfortunates, and in our charitable and penal institutions there is an increasing effort to do things to aid these stricken by nature or by the hands of the law. In this matter North Carolina has not lagged, and this thing of humanity caring for humanity is given clear demonstration in the action of Governor Craig, who this year goes a step forward from his splendid action of last year when by his direction $30 prisoners classes as "trusties," were given a three days parole at Christmas, each of them fulfilling the pledge given to return to imprisonment at the end of the free period. This year Governor Craig not alone requests all in the State in charge of "trusty" prisoners, these estimated at about 800, to give them leave of absence to visit home or friends for three days at Christmas, but he also requests that those not classed as "trusties" be given a holiday at prisons and camps for three days, and besides this he directs that there be sent to all dependent families of State prisoners $10.00 each. Under this direction of Governor Craig there will be money sent to 615 families, there being 615 prisoners in the 930 now in the State Prison or in the State camps who have dependent families, the total amount of money to be sent to the families being $6,150. Governor Craig finds no statute law either for this or against it, and the matter will be presented to the incoming General Assembly for its approval. But in case it does not approve, Governor Craig makes the announcement that the State will be immediately reimbursed for the amount given the families of prisoners. There is a steadily increasing feeling that the State should pay some stated sum each month to dependent families of prisoners, and we understand that there will be legislation of this kind proposed and pressed in the General Assembly of 1917. In view of the fact that the State's Prison is now a money-making institution for the State, this is a thing which could well be done. As the State makes revenue from its prisoners it does mean that it could send of its profit to dependent families. The wholehearted action of Governor Craig deserves commendation in the strongest terms. In the past year the work of the men in the State's Prison has produced something like $350,000 above expenses, and out of this amount it does seem that the State can give $6,150 to families of the men in the prison who have produced that amount.—Raleigh News and Observer.

8 PER CENT ON YEAR'S SALARY.

Carolina Telephone Company Gives Bonus to All Employes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., operating in this section, will give a bonus to every employe of 8 per cent on his or her year's salary, it is reported on best authority. For instance, if an employe's salary is $1,000, he will draw a check for $80 between now and the first of the year, possibly between now and Christmas, it is understood. The local company did not stop there, however. Liberal as the bonus is, the employes—every one from the general manager to janitors—will share in 1917's profits, drawing exactly the same dividend that the stockholders do. If a dividend of 8 per cent on stock is declared employes will get 8 per cent on their wages. Dividends are paid quarterly in this company, it is reported.

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SENATOR SIMMONS PLEASED AT ACTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Glad He Appealed to Belligerents to Name Peace Terms.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 22.—In an interview last night Senator Simmons, who is spending the holidays in New Bern, stated that he was heartily glad that President Wilson had appealed to the belligerent nations of Europe to discuss terms of peace.

The Senator said that there was no doubt that the President would very much like to have made his notes more emphatic but that it was impossible for him to do this, and he took the only course that was left open.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY WINS.

Defeats Columbian Society in Debate at Trinity College.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Trinity College, Dec. 22.—The Hesperian Society, represented by R. L. Fisher, of Gatesville; H. F. Newman, of Wilmington, and H. C. West, of Durham, last night won the decision from the Columbian Literary Society, represented by A. H. Gwyn, of Yanceyville; C. R. Jordan, of Kinston, and John Cline, of Lincolnton, on the question, "Resolved,—That Congress should enact legislation for the compulsory arbitration of disputes between organized labor and corporations engaged in interstate transportation." (Constitutionality waived). The Hesperians had the negative side of the question.

President W. P. Few presided and the judges were Mayor B. S. Skinner, of Durham, Mr. W. L. Foushee, of Durham, and Principal Garrison, of the Morehead School, of Durham. In addition to the decision of the winner of the debate the committee were also instructed to select the two best speakers for the third men on the debating teams to meet Washington & Lee and Swarthmore College in the early spring, and A. H. Gwyn, Columbian, was selected to complete the team to contest with the former institution and H. P. Newman, Hesperian, was chosen as the third man for the team which will debate Swarthmore. The other members of these two teams were selected some weeks ago.

BARRED FROM MOUNT OLIVE

Carnivals, Minstrels and the Like Prohibited by Town Ordinance

(Special Star Correspondence)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 22.—Carnivals, minstrels nad such like shows will pitch their tents here no more, for they have been barred by a town ordinance, passed at a recent meeting of the board of aldermen.

The last one that visited the town, some three or four weeks ago, presented attractions of such an immoral character that a general feeling of resentment against that class of attractions swept the town, and, in order to make sure that the community would not be afflicted with that class of shows any more, a town ordinance barring all carnivals and minstrels has been passed.

LID TIGHT ON FIREWORKS.

New Bern Authorities Determined on "Noiseless' Christmas.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 22.—Woe be unto the man or boy who fires a firecracker or firearm in New Bern on Christmas eve or on Christmas day for if he is apprehended by the police or reported by any citizen, the mayor has declared that he will give each and every one the limit of the law and has emphatically affirmed that he will stand by his decision.

There are a few people in New Bern, probably half a dozen, who from mercenary reasons are urging that the authorities allow fireworks to be discharged, but the authorities have declared that such will not be allowed and have given warning to all local citizens and strangers.

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 22.—The little six-year-son of Mr. and Mrs. John James, who live at Staton's ,about six miles north of this city, died yesterday from the effect of burns received Tuesday. The little fellow playfully threw some gasoline on the fire and the blaze leaped out, catching his clothes. His mother, attracted by his cries, rushed in and carried him out and succeeded in extinguishing the flames but not before he was so fearfully burned that death resulted yesterday.

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Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

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USE OF FIRE WORKS

At a meeting of the Council, held on the 20th instant, it was ordered that Section 189 of the Revised Ordinances be suspended from December 24th, 1916, to January 1st, 1917, both inclusive.

"Provided, however, that the use, firing or display of firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, roman candles, pistols, canes, or other like appliances is expressly forbidden at any point West of Front street, within the limits of the city;

"Provided, further, That the use or firing of firecrackers over 4 inches in length, any pistol using blank cartridges or caps, or other explosive appliances containing Chlorate of Potash mixture, is hereby expressly forbidden within the city limits. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a penalty of Ten Dollars."

N. J. Williams,
Chief of Police.

Dispatch copy.

LIVELY INTEREST IN MEETING LAST NIGHT

Notice Was Short But Addresses Had Real Punch In Them

Strong Appeals Made for Enlarging School Facilities—Commission Form of City Government Is Also Discussed.

The intimation in rumors about the streets that legislation affecting local interests is contemplated at the next meeting of the General Assembly culminated in a mass meeting in the county court house last night, although the notice of the gathering was so short that not more than 100 men attended. However, they had the opportunity to listen to some eloquent speeches.

The intimation of an attempt to get through legislation without bringing it before the people brought forth an emphatic protest from Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant, who served notice that if any bill affecting local interests receives consideration from him, it must be brought before the people for an expression of opinion.

While it had been rumored that a mas meeting was to be held, it was not until yesterday afternoon that the movement took definite shape and the majority of those present last night did not know for what object it had been called. Much curiosity was expressed as to who had inaugurated the movement for the meeting and considerable relief was manifested when W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., called the gathering to order at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Turner Starts It.

Mr. Turner declared that the meeting had been called for no particular purpose but said it was desired to consider any proposed legislation that may affect the city or county. Even if proposed legislation is embodied in a general act, if it affects local affairs, he thought that it should be brought before the people. It used to be the custom to pass laws and discuss them afterwards, he stated, but he thought bills should first be discussed and then passed.

At the suggestion of Mr. Turner, Mr. Thos. E. Cooper, chairman of the county Democratic committee, was called to the chair and members of the press were asked to act as secretaries.

Things happened fast enough after the meeting was opened for discussion. Mr. John H. Beery wanted to know what the measures were to which Mr. Turner had referred and the latter replied that he understood that one of them related to the city's finances. Councilman McCaig was asked to explain and stated that it was at first proposed to have a local act passed enabling the city to refund or retire bonds which expire before the next Legislature meets, but it was later decided to have a general act drawn which would apply to all cities and towns. By refunding outstanding bonds at a lower rate of interest, the city could save about $15,000 in interest annually he thought.

Shools Are Discussed.

The statement from Mr. Beery that it was bad business to vote more bonds without ever paying any of them back brought forth a stirring address from Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, who declared that after a thorough investigation he had failed to find anything to indicate that one penny of the last bond issue of $175,000 had been spent except for the purpose for which it had been voted.

"Yes, we are going back to the people and ask them to build more and better schools," he declared. "Are we going to be so stingy or so meager as to fail to educate our children? My experience has been that the people of wealth are always glad to contribute to the less fortunate. We are going to ask our next Representative to have a bill passed giving the people an opportunity to vote on the question of a bond issue of not less than $200,000 and not more than $350,000 for schools. Whether I am kept on the Board of Education or not I am going to support this act. The bill has already been drawn. We are going back to the people and I am not ashamed to tell you so."

Mr. Kellum referred to the need for more room at the Cornelius Harnett and the William Hooper schools, the necessity for tearing down the old Union school, the need for a modern High School building, the need for enlarging the present High School building to take care of the Union pupils and the imperative need for school buildings at Oak Hill, Carolina Beach, Myrtle Grove and Scott's Hill. He closed with an earnest appeal that no one would be niggardly as to oppose the improvement of the schools because of having to pay an additional few cents on the

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TO INSTITUTE NEW RECTOR

Rev. R. E. Gribben to be Instituted on St. John's Day With Service. Bishop Darst to Officiate.

Rev. R. E. Gribben, rector of St. John's Episcopal church of this city, will be officially instituted as rector of the parish on St. John's Day, December 27. Bishop Thomas C. Darst, as bishop of the diocese, will officiate as institutor. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James church, assisted by other clergy of the city and community.

The services will begin at 10 a. m., and the rector and parishioners have extended an invitation to all people of the community who desire to attend these services which will be particularly impressive. This will constitute the first public institution of a clergyman that has taken place in Wilmington since the ordaining of Bishop Darst.

It is a notable coincident that this ceremony will take place almost exactly two years after the ordaining of Bishop Darst as the bishop of the diocese.

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. 50c.

MOVEMENT FOR REFORMATORY

Prominent Colored Citizens Start Movement to Take Care of Criminal Youth of Race.

Pursuant to a previous call for a meeting, several colored ministers, physicians and business men met at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the office of Thomas A. Smith. Rev. C. J. Wilcox, one of the prime movers for the meeting, stated that it had been called for the purpose of considering the advisability and the necessity for building a reformatory somewhere in or near the city of Wilmington for the criminal youth of the race.

A temporary organization was formed by the election of the following officers: Chairman, Rev. A. J. Wilson, D. D.; secretary, Rev. J. A. Smith; assistant secretary, Rev. J. A. Bonner, D. D.

Following the organization endorsement of the movement was made in stirring addresses by Rev. A. J. Wilson, Rev. C. D. Carnes, Rev. J. A. Bonner, Dr. F. W. Avant, Dr. John W. Kay, Rev. A. L. Price, Rev. D. L. Grady, Dr. J. H. Rhoe, Rev. C. J. Wilcox, Thomas A. Smith and Julius Murray. All felt assured that the best white people of the city and throughout this section would be interested in the laudable effort to save the unfortunate criminal youth of the race from contact with the flagrant lawbreakers and hardened criminals who are sent to the county roads, jails and the penitentiary for their misdemeanors.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bonner the following committee was appointed to consider the merits of establishing a reformatory and to confer with white officials and friends who will lend their aid and moral influence to this "very vital and indispensable" project: Rev. J. A. Bonner, D. D., Rev. C. J. Wilcox, Dr. Avant, Dr. John W. Kay, Julius Murray, J. E. Howard, Dr. J. H. Rhoe and Rev. A. J. Wilson, D. D.

The next meeting will be held at the First Baptist church (colored) at Fifth and Campbell streets at 7:30 p. m. on next Thursday night.

CUTTER SEMINOLE RETURNED FROM CAPE LOOKOUT YESTERDAY

Floated Yacht Minnesota Sunday Night. Delayed by Broken Anchor Chain.

After an absence of nearly six days, the coast guard cutter Seminole returned to her dock at the foot of Princess street yesterday morning from Lookout Bight where she was called last Saturday to float the yacht Minnesota, owned by Mr. John S. Berkey, which went aground near the Cape Lookout light house, while en route to the Gulf coast of Florida from Philadelphia.

The Seminole succeeded in floating the yacht at midnight Sunday, but her return trip was delayed because of the fact that she parted an anchor chain, and considerable time was necessary in mending it. She arrived off the bar Thursday night but on account of a dense fog, did not return to dock until yesterday.

The life saving crew from Cape Lookout pulled the yacht off the sand once before the arrival of the cutter, and removed the crew when she went aground again. As the water where the boat was aground was shallow, the Seminole anchored three quarters of a mile from the disabled boat, and used a hawser to float her to deep water.

The Minnesota was apparently uninjured, but returned to Philadelphia, instead of continuing her cruise to Florida.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Colored Probation Officer Named by Recorder Harriss.

Lula Miller, colored, will spend her Christmas holidays in the county bastile. This is the penalty for vagrancy that was imposed on her in the Recorder's Court yesterday morning. Permission was granted to the county commissioners to hire her out.

The case against Bill Butler, the young white man who was charged with seduction, was not prossed on the presentation of satisfactory evidence that the defendant and the plaintiff had been legally married.

Recorder Harriss announced yesterday that he had appointed James H. Johnson, of No. 809 Anderson street as colored probation officer. Johnson is a highly respected colored man and was endorsed for the position by a delegation of leading colored citizens.

Paper on Pender County

Burgaw Chronicle: "Mr. J. Shepard Bryan, Principal of Hemenway school, of Wilmington, and a son of Mr. R. K. Bryan, of Scott's Hill, has written a paper on Pender county, which treats of the economic and social status of the county. We are fortunate in securing this article from Mr. Bryan, and are publishing the first installment of it this week, our readers will find it both interesting and instructive".

TEN CONVICTS TO GO HOME

Local Prisoners in Compliance With Governor Craig's Suggestion to Go Home Christmas.

In compliance with a request from Governor Locke Craig to the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county, some ten of the more trustworthy convicts at the stockade who have good behavior records will be permitted to spend Christmas day with their families in Wilmington and the rural districts.

Chairman W. A. McGirt stated yesterday afternoon that he would take the matter up with County Road Superintendent Burnett and Superintendent F. H. Rivenbark with a view to deciding as to which of the convicts are worthy and deserving enough to merit such a Christmas present.

The custom allowing a few of the more trustworthy prisoners on the county roads of the several counties of the State to spend Christmas with their families was inaugurated by Governor Craig last year, and about ten prisoners in this county were given this hitherto unheard of privilege. Ten took advantage of the permission in New Hanover county, and all returned to the stockade the following day.

Special Schedule Today.

Cars every half hour from 2 to 10 P. M., on suburban line. Extra trip to Wrightsville at 12:10 midnight.

(Advertisement).

FUNDING ACT STATEMENT

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, City Clerk and Treasurer, Makes Announcement of City Indebtedness Items.

That the city would benefit materially by the adoption of a funding act at the approaching session of the State Legislature, was stated yesterday by Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer. It is believed that the adoption of such an act would save the city thousands of dollars.

When asked yesterday afternoon whether it was intended to attempt to rush a bond refunding act through during the first six days of the legislative session, Mayor F. Q. Moore said that question was undetermined, but that Council might have some plan to announce in this connection later. He added that he understood that the general idea now entertained by Council is to come in under a general bond act. A meeting of the Finance Committee of Council was held yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, but the result of their deliberations was not made public.

Although no recommendation has been formally adopted by Council that request be made at the approaching session of the Legislature to enable the city to provide for obligations maturing within the next few years, it is understood that this will be done. The only question which seemingly has not been settled is whether an attempt will be made to push such an act through before the constitutional amendments restricting credit legislation goes into effect, that is, January 10th.

Bond Issues.

The several items of indebtedness to be provided for, and the first of which it is desired to liquidate out of the "sinking fund," include the following:

Maturing October 1st, 1917, Sewer Company bonds, $80,000, 5 per cent interest.

Maturing January 1st, 1918, W. & O. R. R. bonds, $96,000, 6 per cent interest.

Also the Sewer Company bonds maturing October 1st, 1918, $100,000, 6 per cent interest.

Also the bond issue, $126,000, C. F. & Y. V. R. R. subscription, maturing January 1st, 1919, carrying 5 per cent interest.

Owing to the favorable condition of the securities market, Captain Meares believes that the good municipal bonds are in strong demand and that it will be possible to negotiate a ready sale of such refund issues as may be authorized on a 4½ per cent basis, instead of being compelled to pay interest at the rate of between 5 and 6 per cent as the rate is on the foregoing bonds.

TEACHERS INVITED TO HOLD MEETING IN WILMINGTON

Local Chamber of Commerce Forwards Invitation to Secretary Sams

A formal invitation to the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly asking that the next annual meeting be held in Wilmington has been forwarded to Secretary E. E. Sams by President M. W. Jacobi, of the Chamber of Commerce in accordance with the action of the executive committee on Thursday afternoon. Mr. John J. Blair appeared before the committee and presented the plans that have been made for entertaining the teachers should they come to Wilmington and these were endorsed by the committee. President Jacobi's letter follows:

"Dear Sir:—

At a meeting of the directors of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce held Thursday, December 21st a motion was adopted that the organization extend the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly a cordial invitation in behalf of this city to hold their next annual meeting in Wilmington. The board was unanimous in expression of opinion and it is the earnest desire of Wilmington to have the Assembly meet here.

"We have been advised that the committee meets in Raleigh, January 28th to decide this matter and we will appreciate your courtesy in extending this invitation. Wilmington organizations are manifesting much interest in this meeting and we can assure the Assembly of a warm welcome.

"We will appreciate very much your interest in behalf of Wilmington."

CHRISTMAS TREES GIVEN

Children Made Happy With Gifts Last Night at Local Churches

Several Christmas trees were given by Sunday schools in Wilmington last night. The children of Winter Park Presbyterian church had most enjoyable exercises after which gifts were distributed. The exercises were held in the Chadbourn memorial building and the pastor, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, presided.

Christmas exercises were held also last night by the First Presbyterian Sunday school and the Sunday school of Grace Methodist church

CLERK OF COLUMBUS COURT

C. D. Koonce, Esq., Named by Judge Stacy to Succeed Mr. L. W. Stanley, Deceased

Judge W. P. Stacy yesterday afternoon in Raleigh appointed C. D. Koonce, Esq., of Chadbourn, clerk of the Superior court of Columbus county to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. L. W. Stanley, which occurred at Whiteville last Monday afternoon, according to telegrams received in Wilmington last night from the Capital City.

Judge Stacy, whose duty and authority it was to make the appointment, has been in Raleigh all this week on account of indisposition from a severe cold, which rendered him unable to conduct court at Smithfield, where he presided last week over the first half of a two weeks term.

There were several others who had strong backing for the position, among them being Ex-Sheriff J. T. Best. Judge Stacy received delegations at Raleigh in behalf of the various candidates and after hearing the claims announced his appointment. He had earlier in the week announced that he would make the appointment yesterday.

The new appointee is a prominent citizen of Chadbourn and has long been one of the leading attorneys of Columbus county. He is a public spirited citizen, keenly interested in educational affairs and will make a most efficient official.

MANY AT SCHOOL EXERCISES

L. Clayton Grant Pays Splendid Tribute to Life and Work of Judge Murphey and Superintendent Wiley.

Several hundred patrons and friends of the public schools of the city attended the Christmas and North Carolina Day exercises yesterday morning, which were featured at the High School by a splendid address by Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant, on the life and work of two of the State's most famous makers of educational history—Judge Archibald D. Murphey and Calvin H. Wiley. The speaker, who was introduced by Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the Board of Education, paid a sympathetic tribute to both men who took a leading part in the founding and improvement of the public school system in North Carolina.

The exercises at the High School were opened by the principal, Mr. Malcolm G. Little, who read a short statement from State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner calling attention to the fact that Friday, December 22, had been named North Carolina Day, and that it was peculiarly fitting that the first of the series of exercises which will be held on this day should center around life, service and teachings of Judge Murphey, known as "the Father of the Public Schools of North Carolina." It was also considered appropriate to devote a portion of the exercises to the work of Superintendent Wiley, who was head of the State schools during the War Between the States.

The first address was made by Supt. J. J. Blair, who, in a few words, declared that he was very glad to be able to say that two of the men who played an important part in making history in the Nation came from Wilmington. These men, he said, were Cornelius Harnett and William Hooper, both of whom rendered distinguished service to their country.

In presenting Mr. Grant, Chairman Kellum referred to the fact that the speaker was an alumnus of the Wilmington High School and that the future of the school system of the city for the next 90 days would be reposed largely in Mr. Grant's hands as New Hanover's representative in the Legislature.

Mr. Grant Speaks.

In a very interesting and entertaining fashion, Mr. Grant referred to the pride he felt in being a product of the public school system of Wilmington, which he declared would compare most favorably with that of any city in the South.

The speaker also declared that it would be his policy in the Legislature to do everything in his power for the advancement of the cause of education in the county and to see that no backward step was taken.

In speaking of the life of Judge Murphey, Mr. Grant pointed out that at the time the former liver education was at a low ebb in the State and he had to overcome no little opposition in the Legislature when he proposed ideas necessary to improve the system as a means of disseminating knowledge and intelligence among the masses of the people, and placing equality of educational opportunity within the reach of the poor as well as the rich.

Christmas cards while they last will be sold at cost. They must be closed out today. Come early and make your selection. Wilmington Printing Company, 118 North Second St.—(Adv.)

Christmas Gifts

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A DIME SAVINGS BANK

Which We Will Give You, and You Can Place Therein One or Several Small Coins.

A NEW GOLD COIN

Placed in a Neat, Small Coin Holder, and Sent With Your Christmas Wishes.

These are Real Christmas presents, and we suggest them to you. Our bank Always Provides a large supply of New Currency, Gold and Silver, for its friends, during the Christmas season and will be pleased to serve you.

"OLD AND STRONG."

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

NEW MONEY FOR XMAS.

GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We Have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

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Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE PERPETRATOR OF MANY THEFTS

Solomon Smith Arrested Yesterday With Stolen Goods in Possession

With a revolver that was identified as being one that was stolen from the residence of Jim Gore, colored, on the night of November 24th on his person and wearing a coat that was later proved to be the property of Mr. M. C. Rivenbark, Solomon Smith, colored, was arrested on Haynes alley at an early hour yesterday morning by Policemen J. O. Bullard, Leon George and W. R. Appleberry on a warrant charging him with entering Gore's house.

Later in the morning the police received a report of the robbery of Mr. Rivenbark's store on Third and Brunswick streets. When the negro's coat was identified as being the property of Mr. Rivenbark, the officers became convince dthat Smith is responsible for many of the mysterious house breakings that have taken place within the last few months.

Mr. Riverbark reported that the robber's haul from his store consisted of 300 pennies, ten or twelve pocket knives, and a quantity of drygoods. The store was entered from underneath, a board being pulled away from near the fire place, and the hearth giving way, leaving a considerable hole.

Smith implicated two other negroes, Ephriam Brown and Henry Baldwin, who were later arrested. Both bear bad reputations.

Special Schedule Today.

Cars every half hour from 2 to 10 P. M., on suburban line. Extra trip to Wrightsville at 12:10 midnight.

HELPS HESPERIA TO WIN

Wilmington Boy Member of Winning Side in Debate at Trinity College

Mr. H. P. Newman, of Wilmington, was a member of the Hesperian Society debating team which won the 25th annual inter-society debate at Trinity College on Wednesday night. The question for debate was: "Resolved,—That Congress should enact legislation providing for compulsory arbitration of disputes between organized labor and corporations, constitutionality waived." The Herperian team had the negative.

This victory, making the third successive one for the society, was considered quite an honor. After the debate, the speakers were entertained at an informal reception in the hall of the Columbia Literary Society.

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Do your shopping here and we will surely give you our best service. That no doubt will not be perfect, for it is very hard to give all perfect service during a rush period of this kind, but we will surely do our best.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. J. J. Parker, of Monroe, is visiting Mrs. John F. Maffitt, of No. 323 South Fourth street.

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Mrs. A. D. O'Brien, after spending two months in the North, has returned to the city and is now at her home.

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Miss Mildred Hall, of the State Auditor's office at Raleigh, is spending the holidays with relatives in this city.

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Miss Marie Plowden left last night for Richmond, Va., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

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Miss Lillian Allen, of the High school faculty, left last night for Weldon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

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Miss Kate Styron, of the High school faculty, left yesterday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Mr. J. F. Roache left last night for Richmond, Va., where he will join Mrs. Roache and children to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Misses Maude and Hattie Parker will leave today to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at Salemburg, N. C.

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Miss Mabel H. Wessell, a student at Salem College, is at home for the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wessell.

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Mrs. R. A. Kingsbury and daughter, Miss Genevieve, have returned from Baltimore, where the latter has been under treatment.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Leuven left last night for Kingstown, N. Y., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Van Leuven's mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brock and mother Mrs. Agnes White, left last night for Norfolk, Va., and Chapel Hill to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Miss Harriet H. Bellamy, who is a student at Fassifern school near Hendersonville, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy.

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Miss Sidonia Dunn, of the United States Engineer office, left last night for Washington, D. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Miss Florence M. Wessell, a member of the facult of Elizabeth College, Salem, Va., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wessell.

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Miss Anne Burke, who is spending the winter in this city with Miss Lucile Murchison, left last night to spend the Christmas holidays in Shenandoah, Pa.

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Mr. Arthur Savage, a student at the University of North Carolina, has returned to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Savage.

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The Wilmington chapter of the Red Cross Society sold 616 Red Cross seals in the lobby of the Federal building yesterday. Mrs. B. H. Stephens will be chaperone for today.

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Miss Mary G. Bellamy, who is a student at Hollins College at Hollins, Va., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy Jr., No. 323 South Third street.

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Messrs. Ed McKeithan, of this city, and Commodore Chinnis, of Brunswick county, returned yesterday from the University of North Carolina to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Misses Mary Baldwin and Fannie Starr Mitchell, of the faculty of the Raleigh Public schools, arrived last night to spend the holidays in the city with their mother and other relatives here.

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Miss Nettie Jane Fleming, of the High school faculty, left last night for Greensboro, where she will visit her parents before going to Perth Amboy, N. J., and New York to spend several days with friends.

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Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. David Fairley and Miss L. G. Murchison, of Manchester, passed through the city today, on their way to Wilmington, where they will be the guests of Miss Fannie R. Williams."

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Misses Celeste and Miriam McEachern arrived yesterday morning from Battle Creek, Mich., where they are attending school, to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. McEachern, No. 214 North Sixth street.

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Miss Sadie Peterson, of Kerr, and Mr. A. D. Bowen, of the same place, were married Thursday at the parsonage by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Only a few friends were present, and immediately following the ceremony, the young couple left for Kerr.

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Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of city schools, left last night for High Point to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. He was accompanied by Mr. Raymond Hunt, assistant general manager of the Tidewater Power Company, who will be his guest during the holidays.

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The Inter Se Cotilion Club was organized last night at a meeting of a number of the members of the younger social set and officers were elected. It was decided to hold a New Year's dance on the night of January 1 at the Cape Fear Country Club. The following officers were elected: Mr. Chas. Loder, president; Mr. Greene Fenley, Jr., secretary, and Mr. R. W. Cantwell, secretary.

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Rev. E. C. Sell and family have arrived in the city from their home at Maysville, N. C., and are now occupying the parsonage of Bladen Street M. E. church, of which Mr. Sell will be the pastor during the coming years. Rev. Mr. Sell formerly served Wilmington churches in the Methodist itinerary and he and his family are receiving a most cordial welcome from their friends here.

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CLOSING EXERCISES AT MARION MISSION YESTERDAY

The Marion Mission at Delgado held its closing exercises for the holidays yesterday morning. There was a large number of visitors present, and the 40 little members of the kindergarten delightfully entertained them. There were numerous fairies, with their pretty little queen, and a goodly company of queer brownies; and a snow storm to form the occasion for many graceful evolutions and cheery songs. The exercises received many pleasing comments from the spectators.

Marion Mission is supported by Dr. James Sprunt, whose heart is tender toward the children of the mill settlement. He and his late wife, Mrs. Lucia Sprunt, have given for nearly ten years bountifully of their love and means to maintain the institution. Besides the kindergarten conducted at the mission, the children are given a luncheon daily of milk, bread and butter, fruit and other wholesome food and their ruddy faces tell of the effect of this grateful provision. The teachers are Miss Robbie McIntire and Miss Katie Lee Merriman.

After the programme of exercises yesterday, Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed an armful of gifts to each child, who returned home brimful of happiness and Christmas good cheer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. L. Becton left last night for Goldsboro, to spend the holidays with his parents.

—Mr. John C. Slocum left last night for Goldsboro, to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

—Mr. LeRoy C. Cruser left last night for Norfolk, Va., where he will visit his mother during the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. B. B. Flora, a popular young traveling salesman, left last night for Shawboro, to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. B. R. Morrison has returned from Baltimore where he has been a student at the University of Maryland to spend the holidays with his parents.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Burning grass at 606 Castle street caused the fire department to turn out at 12:15 yesterday afternoon. The damage was very slight.

—The Tidewater Power Company will operate cars half hour from 2. p. m. to 10 p. m. on the suburban lines today in order to accommodate the residents of the surburban villages.

—Friends in Wilmington have been sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mr. W. G. Porter, of Kelly's, who is suffering with a complication of diseases.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: J. D. Sutton, Southport; John O'Gorman, Boardman; G. E. Morgan, East Arcadia; Dr. H. L. Keith, Hendersonville; A. Blackburn, Raleigh; A. W. Peace, Fayetteville.

—Among the arrivals at The Wilmington yesterday were: J. E. Clayton, Excelsior; D. W. Dougherty, Clinton; K. G. Johnson, Folkstone; J. B. McGurley, Ft. Caswell; A. W. Baldwin, Whiteville; W. H. Byrd, Wallace.

—Adjutant Yates, of the Salvation Army, has received an invitation to attend the Christmas celebration of Georgia Commandery; No. 1, Knights Templar, which will be held at Augusta, Ga., on Christmas day. Adjutant Yates is a member of the Commandery.

DELGADO SCHOOL HOLDS ITS CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Attractive Programme Carried Out and Gifts Distributed

An attractive programme of Christmas exercises was carried out yesterday morning at the Delgado School, and the closing event before the holidays was largely attended by parents and other friends of the school.

Each child in the Primary Department was given a Santa Claus which was made for them by their teacher, Miss Lena Mae Herring; those in the Intermediate Grades were presented with attractive booklets by Miss Virginia Walsh, their teacher. The principal of the school, Mrs. W. O. Fickling presented the pupils in her room with Christmas cards.

The exercises began with a song by the school entitled, "Luther's Cradle". This was followed by another song, "Away in the Manger" by a sextette composed of Eleanor Skipper, Edna Gurganus, Kiver Jarrell, Rosa Justice and little Misses Allen and Hunt. The exercises were concluded by a song by the entire school entitled, "Santa Claus is Coming".

FUNERAL OF MRS. RODERICK

Remains of Aged Woman Laid Away at Oakdale Yesterday Morning.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Mattie Roderick, widow of the late Mr. John Roderick, were conducted from the residence at 10 o'clock yesterday by Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe. The interment was made in Oakdale cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

Buys Out Partner's Interest.

Mr. S. W. Powell, who has been associated with Mr. J. C. Newsom for some time past in the transfer business, has bought out the latter's interest in the concern. The business will be conducted for the present under the old name of Powell & Newsom. Offices will be retained in the Imperial Hotel.

Special Schedule Today.

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LEAVES BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. John B. Cranmer After Service of Four Years, Tenders Resignation—Believes in Rotation.

Dr. John B. Cranmer has resigned as a member of the New Hanover Board of Health after a service of four years. In tendering his resignation Dr. Cranmer states that he is a firm believer in rotation in office and that he, therefore, thinks that his resignation is in order. His successor will be elected at the January meeting of the Board of Health.

Dr. Cranmer's colleagues did not share his belief that it was in order for him to resign and efforts were made yesterday to get him to change his mind. Dr. Cranmer insisted, however, that it should stand. He said last night that he had no statement to make for publication. His term of office expires on the first or second Monday in January, he stated, and it had been his intention for some time to resign.

Dr. Cranmer has made a most efficient member of the board and has manifested great interest in all phases of public health work. He has been progressive in his ideas and has stood for improvement of conditions in every way possible. His resignation is a source of keen regret to his colleagues.

Chairman McGirt when asked about the resignation yesterday afternoon, stated that he had no comment to make.

Dr. Cranmer's letter of resignation, which is now in the hands of Chairman W. A. McGirt, reads as follows:

"Mr. W. A. McGirt, Chairman, New Hanover County Board of Health, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—I regret to be sending with this my resignation as a member of the New Hanover County Board of Health. I am glad to have been able to serve in this capacity for the past four years, but I firmly believe in rotation in office and I think, therefore, that my resignation is in order.

"I will always take an interest in the affairs of the Board of Health.

"Yours truly,

"DR. JNO. B. CRANMER."

WANT WATERWAY COMPLETED

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Asks Congressman Godwin to Have Appropriation Made.

Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin has been requested by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to make renewed efforts for an appropriation to be included in the Rivers and Harbors bill at this session of Congress for the completion of the next link of the inland waterway from Beaufort Inlet to the Cape Fear river. President M. W. Jacobi yesterday forwarded a letter to Congressman Godwin, the text of which follows:

"Hon. H. L. Godwin, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. Godwin:—The directors of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting went on record strongly favoring renewed efforts for an appropriation to be included in the Rivers and Harbors bill at this session of Congress for the completion of the next link of the inland waterway from Beaufort Inlet to tha Cape Fear river.

"I have been requested to write you in behalf of the organization as the time now appears to be opportune to secure this appropriation and through your efforts we believe that this can be accomplished and the work on this great project carried forward.

"Unless we do our uttermost in behalf of this waterway we will be derelict in our duty for the completion of the present link and in the interest of the proposition as a whole, which means a great deal to the ports south of us.

"We wish to assure you of our cordial co-operation and support.

"Extending you the season's best wishes, I remain,

"Yours cordially,

"M. W. JACOBI,
"President."

MRS. EDWARD K. GRAHAM DEAD

Wife of President Graham, of the University, Passes Away, Following Seven Weeks' Illness.

(Special Star Telegram).

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Graham, wife of President Edward Kidder Graham, of the University, died this morning at 10 o'clock, following a lingering illness of seven weeks. A gloom has been thrown over the entire University, just as classes were closing for the holidays.

Mrs. Graham was formerly Miss Susan Williams Moses, her father having been formerly superintendent of Raleigh schools. She attended St. Mary's and later the University of North Carolina. She received her A. B. degree from Cornell in 1903 and her A. M. degree a year later.

Mrs. Graham has taught in St. Mary's, Raleigh; Tulane University and Sweetbriar College.

She was married to President Graham on June 25, 1908. She leaves one child, Edward, "Sonny," as the University knows him, just five years old. Burial will probably take place here tomorrow.

STIFF GALES YESTERDAY

Storm Sweeping Up Coast North of Hatteras Will Continue Today

Washington, Dec. 22.—Gales ranging in velocity from 76 miles an hour at Norfolk to 84 miles at New York were recorded today, the Weather Bureau announced tonight. They were caused by a storm which swept up the coast from Hatteras to Eastport and which will continue tomorrow, though with clearing weather.

Unseasonably cold weather accompanied the storm, with increased cold tonight, but higher temperatures were forecast for tomorow in Western Tennessee and the East Gulf states. Freezing temperatures were recorded on the Atlantic seaboard this morning and also to the Middle Gulf coast.

Cold wave warnings were ordered this morning for South Carolina, the eastern portions of Georgia and North Carolina and the Middle Atlantic States.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor—Sabbath school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and in the evening at 8. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:30 in the afternoon. Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 7. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 Seats free. All welcome.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. W. H. Koelling, pastor—Sabbath school at 10:30 in the morning. Preaching at 11:15. Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all services.

Harnett street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist-in-charge. —Sabbath school at 9:30 in the morning. Preaching each second and fourth Sabbath in the evening at 7:30.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor. Services tomorrow evening at 7:45; conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3. Midweek service Wednesday evening at 7:45. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor. Services tomorrow at 3:30 Sunday school at 10:15, Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:30. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Bethany Presbyterian church. Services Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3 and Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Bladen street Methodist church.—The new pastor, Rev. E. C. Sell, has arrived and will preach tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours for service. His subject in the morning will be: "The Christian Race." Evening: "Heaven's Christmas Gift to Earth." A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and worship at this church.

St. John's Episcopal church. —Tomorrow Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion in the morning at 7:30. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school in the afternoon at 4. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. A hearty welcome to all.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, Front and Queen streets, Rev. Thos. P. Allen, pastor-elect.—Preaching Sunday morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 3 in the afternoon. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Ladies' Aid Society and Brotherhood meet Tuesday evening at 8. Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening at 8. Christmas exercises of Sunday school Thursday evening at 8. All visitors are cordially welcome.

LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SALVATION ARMY FUND

One Hundred Families Will be Made Happy This Afternoon

Christmas is near at hand and today is the last day in which to make contributions to the Salvation Army fund to provide dinners for the poor and needy. The familiar pots will seen on the streets for the last time today and those who wish to make happy the hearts of unfortunate families should make their offering today.

While Letters have been left at many homes by one of the Salvation Army workers, not all have been able to respond and as it will be impossible for the worker to call at an of the homes today, those who wish to contribute are requested either to mail it or to put it in one of the pots on the streets.

One hundred baskets containing supplies for a Christmas dinner will be distributed to those holding tickets at the Seaman's Bethel this afternoon at 4 o'clock. These baskets are expected to supply a family of five with an abundance of good and substantial food for Christmas day. Each basket has the following contents: Half a peck of meal, two quarts of grits, one pound of coffee, half a peck of sweet potatoes, one pound of sugar, one can of tomatoes, one can of soup, loaf of bread, one mince pie, apples and a copy of the Christmas number of the Salvation Army "War Cry."

TO HOLD SPECIAL XMAS SERIVCES AT CHURCH

Music Will Be Feature of Services at Immanuel Church Sunday

Special Christmas services will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian church tomorrow. The pastor, Rev. Thos. P. Allen, will deliver an address at the 11 o'clock service in the morning on the subject of "Heaven's Merry Christmas." There will be special music appropriate to the occasion by the choir, and familiar hymns will also be rendered by the congregation.

The sermon at the evening service at 7:30 will be on the subject of "The Scriptural Basis of Giving." There will be a duet by Mesdames Fisher and Williams. Among the hymns which the choir and congregation will render are the following: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "I Gave My Life For Thee," "Holy Night" and others.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

SLIGHT ADVANCE IN COTTON

Only the Near Months Make New Low Ground—Net Gain for the Offers of 2 to 23 Points.

New York, Dec. 22.—While a sharp early rally was followed by another excited selling movement in the cotton market this afternoon only near months made new low ground, and the close was steady at a net advance of 3 to 23 points. March contracts sold at 16.75, broke to 16.20 and closed at 16.39. January was relatively easy during the entire day, selling about 23 to 36 points under March in anticipation of notices next Tuesday.

A more cheerful view of international affairs served to intensify reactionary impulses during the early trading. The market opened at an advance of 14 to 47 points, and on buying for a reaction and heavy covering, the active months sold 45 to 53 points net higher during the first few minutes, but the market then met increased offerings.

After reactions of 25 or 30 points, business decreased, but the market seemed to meet pressure on comparatively moderate upturns, and prices broke severely during the afternoon, under continued Liverpool selling and renewed liquidation. The selling, however, was not as heavy or as urgent as yesterday and the close showed rallies of several points on renewed covering. Private cables reported a small market in Liverpool with the tone steadied by trade buying. Liverpool will not reopen for business until next Tuesday.

Cotton futures closed:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	16.20	16.33	15.90	16.06
March	16.40	16.75	16.20	16.39
May	16.65	16.95	16.48	16.63
July	16.92	17.03	16.55	16.78
October	15.50	15.52	15.00	15.12

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 16.20; no sales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.25; receipts 5,493; exports 12,744; sales 100; stock 471,727.

Galveston—Middling 17.00; receipts 7,371; exports 10,955; sales 300; stock 585,781.

Mobile—Middling 17.00; receipts 489; stock 17,979.

Savannah—Middling 18.25; receipts 2,165; stock 204,411.

Charleston—Receipts 603; stock 70,605.

Wilmington—Middling 16½; receipts 105; stock 49,699.

Norfolk—Middling 16.13; receipts 1,254; sales 1,177; stock 111,846.

Baltimore—Receipts 288; stock 8,412.

Boston—Middling 16.70; receipts 161; stock 8,913.

Philadelphia—Middling 16.45; receipts 130; stock 1,063.

New York—Middling 16.20; exports 2,300; stock 143,579.

Minor Ports—Receipts 19,792; exports 15,344; stock 51,259.

Total today—Receipts 37,847; exports 41,843; stock 1,524,674.

Total for week—Receipts 136,891; exports 188,849.

Total for season—Receipts 4,740,168; exports 2,982,875.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 16.10; receipts 6,657; shipments 9,154; sales 4,640; stock 273,030.

Memphis—Receipts 3,710; shipments 2,501; stock 311,969.

Augusta—Middling 17.50; receipts 718; shipments 935; sales 267; stock 151,815.

St. Louis—Receipts 2,897; shipments 6,151; stock 32,772.

Cincinnati—Receipts 3,520; shipments 3,574; stock 23,798.

Little Rock—Middling 17.00; receipts 299; sales 299; stock 54,463.

Dallas—Middling 15.75; sales 38.

Total today—Receipts 18,218; shipments 19,614; stock 847,647.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales.

In sight for week, 399.

In sight same seven days last year, 457.

In sight for the month, 1,393.

In sight same date last year, 1,503.

In sight for season, 8,500.

In sight same date last year, 7,142.

Port receipts for season, 4,740.

Port receipts same date last year, 3,992.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 795.

Overland same date last year, 559.

Southern mill takings for season, 2,095.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 1,652.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 870.

Interior stocks last year, 939.

Foreign exports for week, 183.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 119.

Foreign exports for season, 2,990.

Foreign exports same date last year, 2,184.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 67.

Northern spinners takings same seven days last year, 115.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,474.

Northern spinners takings to same date last year, 1,372.

Statement of World's Visible Supply:

Total visible this week, 5,510.

Total visible last week, 5,515.

Total visible same date last year, 5,594.

Of this the total American this week, 4,439.

Total American last week, 4,469.

Total American last year, 4,605.

All other kinds this week, 1,112.

All other kinds last week, 1,046.

All other kinds last year, 1,289.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,715.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 3,022.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,836.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 2,872.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4½; sterling 60 day bills 4.71¾; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70¾; demand 4.75¾; cables 4.76⅝. Bar silver 75⅝; Mexican dollars 58⅝; government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm. Time loans firm, 60 and 90 days 4½ to 4¾; six months 4¾ to 4½. Call money ruling rate 4.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Market Has Been Featured by Sensational Declines—Excited Trading and Violent Fluctuations.

New York, Dec. 22.—It has been another week of excited trading and violent fluctuations in the cotton market with prices showing sensational declines under continued liquidation. March constracts, for instance, have sold at 16.20 during today's trading compared with 18.71, the high point of last Friday, and 21.32, the high record established before Thanksgiving." The progress of this decline of about $25 per bale has been interrupted at times by substantial rallies on covering or buying for a reaction, and in a general way the market has been largely influenced by rapidly alternating views of international politics or peace probabilities.

The Census reort showing 10,845,989 bales ginned to December 13 evidently attracted very little attention. Some of the selling has been accompanied by reports of an easier tone in the goods market and there have also been reports of a very slack spot demand. On the other hand, Southern advices have claimed that little or no cotton was offering except for the hedged supplies held in the larger markets, while exports have continued liberal, and domestic mills are reported to be so far sold ahead that the trade is slow to accept any reduced estimates of consumption. The uncertainties of European affairs, however, seems to have practically monopolized the attention of the trade, and there has been particularly heavy selling by Wall Street and Western interests. Reports of an advancing tendency in ocean freights have been followed by heavy Liverpool selling here, believed to be partl against purchases of spots in the South. New England and Southern spinners have been credited with calling cotton freely on the decline, but spot brokers report very little fresh business, and much of the trading has doubtless reflected a disposition to close out all acounts until after the holidays and pending fresh developments in the spot markets or the progress of peace overtures.

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,873 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51½c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $2.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50¼c; rosin, $5.15 and $5.95; tar, $2.10-8½c; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	5
Rosin	(—)
Tar	190
Crude Turpentine	52

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 41 barrels; tar, 89 barrels; crude turpentine 5 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16½; same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—160 bales; same day last year, 87 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 72,515 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,650 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 22.

Atlantic Coast Line—160 bales cotton.

Seaboard Air Line—53 barrels tar.

Str. Hurt—14 barrels tar.

River—80 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—11 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Mary Lee—5 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels tar.

Total—160 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 190 barrels tatr; 52 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 22.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 33 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Cod hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 33c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 22.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.35; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Raw sugar quiet; centrifugal 5.14; molasses 4.37; refined dull; fine granulated 7.05.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 9¾; Santos 4s, 10¾.

ACTIVE STOCKS MAKE GAINS

Rallies of 3 to 10 Points Recorded—Improvement Caused by Favorable Political Developments.

New York, Dec. 22.—Rallies of 3 to 10 points in active stocks with 18 for Gulf States Steel and 26 for Bethlehem Steel denoted the extent of today's rebound of prices from the hysteria of the preceding session. At the high levels many stocks showed full recovery from their reversal and others registered actual gains over final prices of the mid-week.

Improvement began at the outset, over-night developments affecting the international situation being a potent factor. The advance was impartially distributed among standard shares no les sthan speculative issues and the shorts covered with far more alacrity than they had sold.

Realizing sales to effect quick profits and cautious short selling caused reactions of one to three points befors midday, but these were more than regained in the final hour, when the general average of prices was highest.

Total sales amounted to 1,729,100 shares, some 1,400,000 under yesterday's almost unprecedented turnover, the difference, however, being wholly in favor of the constructive side.

United States Steel led the recovery. At the best of the day—107 3-4—it made an extreme gain of 6 3-4 points on transactions amounting to about 400,000 shares. Allied stocks like Crucible, Lackawanna and Sloss-Sheffield Steels and Republic Iron regained 5 to 7 points, the shipping division 8 to 13, equipments 5 to 13; Central Leather 11 3-8; six points for coppers and other metals, 5 to 21 for Motors, 6 to 12 for oils, six for sugars, and almost as much for American Woolen, General Electric and various miscellaneous or unclassified stocks.

Rails of virtually all descriptions—dividend payers and low priced issues—were higher by 2 to 4 points, the latter being in especial demand.

International bonds made further gains, except Paris 6s, which forfeited some of yesterday's advance. Total sales per value $4,150,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	27⅝
American Beet Sugar	90
American Can	47¼
American Car & Foundry	65
American Cotton Oil	49½
American Locomotive	75⅝
American Smelting	105⅜
American Sugar	108¼
American Tel. & Tel.	125½
American Tobacco	212
American Zinc	37⅝
Anaconda Copper	82⅝
Atchison	104
Atlantic Coast Line	117⅝
Baldwin Locomotive	61⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	83⅝
Bethlehem Steel	615
Canadian Pacific	165
Central Leather	87¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	65½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	91½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	34⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	45½
Consolidated Gas	132
Corn Products	23⅝
Crucible Steel	89
Cuba Cane Sugar	49½
Erie	34⅞
General Electric	167½
Great Northern pfd	117½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35⅝
Goodrich	60½
Illinois Central	106
Inspiration Copper	57
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	92½
International Nickel	42⅜
International Paper	45½
Kansas City Southern	25⅝
Kennecott Copper	44⅞
Lehigh Valley	79
Louisville & Nashville	132
Liggett & Myers	280
Lorillard Co.	225
Maxwell Motors	52
Mexican Petroleum	96½
National Lead	60½
New York Central	104
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	52⅝
Norfolk & Western	135⅞
Northern Pacific	110½
Pennsylvania	56¼
Ray Consolidated Copper	26⅝
Reading	104
Republic Iron & Steel	76½
Seaboard Air Line	17⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	38½
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	67¼
Southern Railway	33¼
Southern Railway pfd	69⅞
Tennessee Copper	16
Texas Co.	211⅝
Union Pacific	147¼
United Fruit	149¼
United States Rubber	61¼
United States Steel	107⅛
United States Steel pfd	118⅝
Utah Copper	101
Virginia Caro. Chem.	41¾
Wabash pfd "B"	30¾
Western Union	98⅝
Westinghouse Electric	55¼
Missouri Pacific	35

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 22.—Beeves, firm; steers 7.00 to 10.60; bulls 5.00 to 7.50; extra fed 8.50; cows 3.75 to 7.25.

Calves—Steady; veals 10.00 to 15.00; culls 8.00 to 9.50; barnyard calves 5.50 to 7.00; Indiana calves 6.50 to 8.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Dull; sheep 6.00 to 8.00; culls 5.00; lambs 11.00 to 13.25; culls 8.00 to 10.00.

Hogs—Steady at 10.00 to 10.50; roughs 9.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Hogs, strong, 5 to 10c above yesterday's average; bulk 9.90 to 10.30; light 9.50 to 10.20; mixed 9.80 to 10.40; heavy 9.90 to 10.05; rough 9.90 to 10.00; pigs 7.50 to 9.25.

Cattle—Strong; native beef cattle 5.00 to 11.75; western steers 7.00 to 10.00; stockers and feeders 5.10 to 8.10; cows and heifers 4.00 to 10.00; calves 8.50 to 11.75.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 9.00 to 10.00; ewes 6.25 to 9.65; lambs 11.25 to 13.45.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 22.—Spanish—Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 21. — Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, firmer, $1.30 to $1.32½ per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4¼c. lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c. lb.; shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c. lb.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 22, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 61 degrees; at 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.11 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday, 4.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday; Sunday fair, slightly warmer west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:15 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:08 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:34	3:42	9:19	4:07
Southport	6:12	6:27	11:56	12:47
Masonboro Inlet	6:01	6:16	11:36	12:27

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 22, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	pt cldy	58	18	.0
Asheville	clear	30	28	.04
Atlanta	clear	38	26	.02
Augusta	clear	50	38	.01
Baltimore	clear	42	..	1.26
Birmingham	clear	38	24	.04
Boston	cldy	50	30	.82
Charleston	clear	60	60	.0
Charlotte	clear	44	42	.22
Chicago	clear	12	-2	.0
Galveston	clear	42	36	.0
Jaxville	clear	66	62	.06
Memphis	clear	34	12	.0
Mobile	clear	44	32	.0
Montgomery	clear	42	30	.04
N. Orleans	clear	46	34	.0
New York	pt cldy	44	34	.80
Oklahoma	pt cldy	36	2	.0
Palestine	clear	42	16	.0
Pittsburg	clear	32	32	.0
Raleigh	clear	52	50	.24
Savannah	clear	54	52	.08
Shreveport	clear	44	14	.0
St. Louis	clear	22	2	.0
Washington	clear	44	36	1.22

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—The firmness of lard and rather persistent support from refiners served to hold cotton seed oil steady today in a small market and final prices were generally 5 to 8 points net higher. Sales 15,600 barrels.

The market closed firm. Spot 12.40 bid; January 12.18 to 12.21; February 12.12 to 12.17; March 12.11 to 12.12; April 12.14 to 12.16; May 12.16 to 12.17; June 2.15 to 12.23; July 12.20 to 12.24; December 12.50 to 13.00.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot cotton weak. Good middling 10.18; middling 10.09; low middling 9.93. sales 5,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; receipts 11,000.

Futures closed quiet and steady. December 9.86; December and January 9.85; January and February 9.86; February and March 9.92; March and April 9.98; April and May 10.03; May and June 10.09; June and July 10.09; July and August 10.09; August and September 9.82; September and October 9.52; October and November 9.42; November and December 9.34; December and January 9.30.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine steady, 52¼c; sales 54; receipts 243; shipments 6; stock 22,916.

Rosin—Firm; sales 769; receipts 1,358; shipments 43; stock 34,542. Quote: A B C D E F, 6.00; G H, 6.05; I, 6.10; K, 6.20; M, 6.40; N, 6.80; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.20.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet today with an easing tendency. Wool markets were quieter with quotations close to the highest level ever reached. Silks showed more strength and taffetas were in better demand.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Market Again Favorable to Wheat. Gains of 2½ to 4¾c.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Assertions that export business today was on a large scale and that European acquisitions yesterday had been double the amount which had been currently estimated were chiefly responsible for a decided upturn today in the price of wheat. Closing quotations were strong, 2½ to 4¾c net higher, with May at 1.67¾ to 1.68 and July at 1.33⅛ to 1.33⅝. Other staples, too, showed gains—corn ⅞ to 1¼; oats ⅝ to 1c and provisions 5 to 35 cents.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.67⅝; July 1.33⅛.

Corn—May 93¼; July 93⅝.

Oats—May 53½; July 51.

Pork—January 27.10; May 26.62.

Lard—January 15.92; May 16.10.

Ribs—January 13.87; May 14.27.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red 1.68; No. 3 red 1.61; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 93¼ to 94; No. 4 yellow 91½ to 93¾; No. 4 white 92½ to 93.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

New York, Dec. 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Talk of peace in Europe easily the foremost facter of the week, has had a four-fold effect. It has produced uncertainty regarding the time when peace may come to pass, developed conservatism as to new far-off business, tended to shade heretofore highly-keyed views as to prices and buying and for a spell caused widespread liquidation in speculative market quotations. In sum the net result has been of a sobering character, bringing in its wake less marked speculative ambitions, more temperate views as to the permanency of present high prices, and a stronger tendency to look to fundamental's as they would be if peace actually eventuates in the near future. But so rapid is the momentum of nearby trade with our industries sold far ahead, that rumors of peace have failed to stay the pace of current movements.

"Weekly bank clearings $6,419,013,000."

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 30 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‖Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
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3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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S. S. Chippewa..Saturday, December 30
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Wilmington to Georgetown

S. S. Chippewa..Tuesday, January 2nd
S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, January 6th

S. S. Chippewa DOES NOT carry passengers.

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The Progressive Railway of the South.
Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Cincinnati $27.85
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Fayetteville $3.75
Florence $4.75
Fort Myers $33.15
Jacksonville $12.80
Memphis $34.85
Miami $37.50
Nashville $27.75
New Bern $3.90
New Orleans $37.65
Norfolk $6.95
Raleigh $5.85
Richmond $10.15
Rocky Mount $5.35
St. Augustine $21.65
St. Louis $37.10
St. Petersburg $29.10
Savannah $12.75
Sumter $6.35
Tampa $29.10
Washington $15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE.

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NASHVILLE, TENN $27.75
NEW ORLEANS, LA $37.65
RALEIGH, N. C. ..... $ 5.85
CHARLOTTE, N. C. $7.90
ST. LOUIS, MO $37.10

On sale Dec. 20 to 25th, inclusive, limited returning mid

NEWS OF A DAY FROM THE STATE'S CAPITAL

Baptist Mission Work in State for Year Laid Out

War Declared Between Pastor and Trustees of Raleigh Baptist Church— Graham Distributing Address.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—An apportionment of $47,500 for State mission work; $8,000 for associational missions and $2,750 for Sunday school missions has just been made by the board of missions of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the board being composed of sixty of the leading men of the demonination representing every section of the State.

The board re-elected John E. Ray, of Raleigh, president, a position he has filled for twenty years, and re-elected for the ninth year of service E. L. Middleton as recording secretary. This board has the direction of the general mission work throughout the State, there being a special executive committee to be in direct touch with the work throughout the year. This executive committee for 1917 consists of Cary J. Hunter, T. W. O'Kelly, D. D., J. S. Farmer, W. A. Cooper, Raleigh; Rev. Livingston Johnson, Rocky Mount; Rev. George W. Watkins, of Goldsboro; and Rev. J. T. Riddick, Durham.

"Sane" Christmas

The Raleigh city commission has determined to maintain a sane Christmas this time having ordained that there shall be no fire works, tin horns or bells within the fire district. A penalty of $10 is composed for any violations of the ordinanee. Heretofore pandemonium has pretty generally reigned throughout the business section as well as the residence sections, especially during Christmas night.

The question of whether or not the present church property given and for years mainly supported by the late John T. Pullen, shall be sold and reinvested in suburban church property more to the liking of the pastor has brought a sensational declaration of war between the trustees of Pullen Memorial Baptist church and the pastor, Rev. Lyman Dilts. Retaliatory litigation has been invoked through a suit by the trustees to recover an automobile that the pastor was provided with for pastoral duties.

The pastor declares that he will fight the matter out before the congregation at the annual meeting in January and in the meantime he is giving $1,500 bond in order that he may resume possession of the $750 automobile that was taken possession of by the sheriff on the strength of the proceeding instituted by the board of trustees, one of whom is W. H. Sawyer, city clerk. The board of deacons claims that when Rev. Mr. Dilts accepted the pastorate he stated to the conference of the membership that he wanted it understood that his resignation was at all times in the hands of the board of deacons to be invoked by them when they thought that the best interests of the church required it. The deacons have invoked this supposed resignation and insist that the pastoral relations will cease January 1.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham is undertaking the wide distribution in this State of the special address to the people of the South that was prepared by the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture in Richmond, the keynote of which is a plea for the people of the South to be prepared for the utilization of the opportunities that will come along with the restoration of peace throughout the world. The standardization of cotton as a basic source of wealth, the fullest possible utilization of the National Rural Credits act and the development of agriculture to the fullest extent.

KING CHRISTIAN RATIFIES THE DANISH ISLES TREATY.

May be Signed in Washington the Latter Part of January.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 22.—King Christian, in the cabinet council today, ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

This follows the passage by both houses of the Danish parliament of the bill for the ratification of the treaty. The exchange of the ratification instruments will take place in Washington probably towards the end of January.

The Danish ratification will be dispatched on the steamer Heilig Olav, the first liner which leaves Copenhagen for New York, sailing on January 11.

LIVELY INTEREST IN MEETIN GLAST NIGHT

(Continued From Page Five).

hundred dollars and as he sat down was given an ovation.

Mr. B. Solomon, a member of the board, endorsed what Mr. Kellum had said and declared that in his opinion the bond issue had not been asked for soon enough. He was applauded when he made the statement that while he does not now have any children in school, he wanted to help educate the children of other people.

Urges Commission Form.

Mr. Turner suggested at the close of Mr. Solomon's remarks that he did not understand that it was proposed to discuss school matters as that would come before the people anyway. He precipitated plenty of discussion on city affairs by introducing a resolution favoring a commission form of government, which was promptly seconded by former Councilman T. W. Wood, but which was never voted on for the reason that motions to adjourn started other discussions and the meeting at various addresses during the interim that Chairman Cooper was trying to make a ruling as to when a motion to adjourn can be discussed and when it cannot be. Mr. Turner's resolution follows:

"Whereas, it is apparent to all interested citizens and tax-payers that the city of Wilmington is suffering from the lack of an efficient and business-like administration of its affairs on account of its present form of municipal government, and whereas, the Legislature of 1917 will convene at an early date, it is deemed expedient to make some recommendations to the Representative from New Hanover county in said session of the Legislature relative to changing the form of our municipal government whereby the tax-payers of this city may be relieved from the present cumbersome and awkward working form of government to one of simplicity and direct responsibility of the various heads of the several departments as embodied in a pure commission form of government.

"It is therefore Resolved, That it be and is the sense of this meeting of citizens that the chairman be empowered to name a committee to make such recommendations to the representative in the Legislature from New Hanover county as they deem expedient and prudent for the improvernment in the form of our municipal government."

Mr. Turner believed that a majority of the people here want a commission form of goverament. They have never had one. Men should be employed to run the city's affairs, he thought, who will devote all their time to the city's affairs and should be paid enough to justify their doing it.

Ex-Mayor W. E. Springer was asked by Chairman Cooper to discuss the question, but stated that he had come as a spectator and had nothing to say. However, he changed his mind after Mr. Wood had remarked that the present commission form of government is a farce and is worse than the old aldermanic form. Mr. Wood spoke strongly in favor of a pure form.

Mr. Springer expressed the opinion that Wilmington has never had a better form of government than the old board of aldermen backed by the board of audit and finance. He believed that with this form that in the last six years the city would not have accumulated a floating indebtedness of $200,000.

"I served the city for 12 years," declared Mr. Springer, "first as a member of the board of aldermen and then as its chief executive. I left the city $60,000 in the bank and not a single dollar of floating indebtedness. The largest budget we ever had was $228,000 while we now have a budget of $368,000. It is time to call a halt. The commission form of government is a fraud out of the whole cloth. The highest tax rate we ever had under the old form was $1.50 and we were fixing to bring it down to $1.25. These are startling facts, gentlemen."

While he could not go back on the old board of audit and finance because he had served on it himself, Mr. Wood still stuck to his guns as a champion of the commission form of government.

Schools Again Up.

Mr. Beery precipitated the school bond issue at this juncture by declaring that he was not opposed to schools but he did believe that the tax rate is high enough. He would not be able to live now, he declared, if it were not for a paid up life insurance policy.

Chairman Cooper was greeted with applause as he rose to endorse what Mr. Kellum had said and the latter seized the opportunity to call for a show of hands from the audience as to how they stood. Nearly everybody was hands up.

Mr. D. L. Gore qualified his vote for more schools by stating that he favored vocational training in the schools and did not want more unless they are of the right kind. Mr. Kellum reminded him that efforts are being made to introduce agricultural training in the county schools and that there is already a commercial course in the High School.

Mr. Gore referred to the splendid vocational schools of Germany and made an earnest appeal for schools that will train young people that it is an honor to work and a disgrace to be idle. He was frank to believe that much progress had been made in getting vocational training.

Recorder George Harriss brought the meeting back to the first question by declaring that he agreed with what had been said about the old board of audit and finance except he thought they should have been elected by the people instead of being appointed by the Geenral Assembly. He moved for an adjournment until next Tuesday night.

Grant Serves Notice.

Representative-elect Grant rose to serve notice on any man that any bill affecting local interests must be brought to the attention of the people or it would receive from his hands no consideration. He didn't know who called the mass meeting, but he he thought that matters affecting the whole people ought to be brought before the whole people. He called attention to the fact that the constitution had been flagrantly violated in the past because bills had been passed without notice of 30 days. "I intend to give the people what they want and in order that I may do so I want to know what the intelligent people of the community want."

Capt. Meares Explains.

With the question of adjournment stil hanging fire, Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, declared that the meeting seems to be running at fag ends. The resolution introduced was utterly worthless, he thought, because the amendment to the constitution prohibits local legislation. He explained that one of the bills now being prepared under the auspices of the Carolina Municipal League provides for means of refunding bonds. Money talks but there are times when it can be very silent, said he, and that is when the collateral is poor. All the legislation proposed is in order to have laws that will meet the approval of New York lawyers.

Councilman McCaig and Captain Meares both called attention to the other bill proposed which is to make it possible for any city or town to get the kind of charter it desires whether for an aldermanic, commission of managerial form of government. Wilmington could take her choice under its provisions.

Mr. Turner before the meeting finally adjourned upon the last motion by Councilman McCaig, explained that he was acquainted with the fact that local bills could not be passed by the Legislature but that general bills could be passed which would affect local affairs and it is important that any desired provisions be included. Other cities and towns might be looking after their interests while Wilmington might find after the act had been passed that it did not fit the local situation.

MEMBERS OF SHIPPING BOARD ARE NOMINATED

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inated for three years. He is a lumberman and exporter.

Mr. Brent, the second Republican, was nominated for two years. He is a railroad man and from 1906 to 1910 was assistant to the vice-president of the Rock Island-Frisco lines. At the White House it was said he was a Republican "with progressive ideas."

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STOCK MARKET TAKES ON BUOYANT ATTITYDE

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any previous time of the day. Closing quotations were at or near the day's maximums, greatest strength being shown by yesterday's weakest shares.

United States Steel gained more than six points; American Woolen six; American Hide and Leather preferred, eight; Central Leather 11 3-8; American Locomotive 5 3-8; Atlantic Gulf and West Indies 13 5-8; with 7 1-4 for Mercantile Marine preferred and 8 3-8 for United Fruit; Baldwin Locomotive 6 1-2; Bethlehem Steel 26; Chino Copper 7 1-8; with 5 1-4 for Anaconda, 5 1-2 for Granby and 3 to 5 for other metals; Lackawanna Steel 7; Crucible Steel 7; the Motors 3 to 7; Petroleums from 3 to 10; New York Airbrake 12 1-4; Republic Iron 5 1-2, and Pittsburg Coal 6.

Rails made more moderate headway, but advances of 2 to 4 points were general, with 3 to 10 in issues of varied classifications, including, Sears, Roebuck; Sugars, tobaccos and 14 for Industrial Alcohol.

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SUPREME COURT FILES OPINIONS IN 10 CASES

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and he is sustained in all respects. Courts can compel boards to act if they have failed to perform their duties, but they cannot control their ministrative action. Furthermore mandamus cannot be invoked to pass on conflicting claims to office.

The right to the seat in Congress in the Britt vs Weaver case is not involved, as this must be passed on by Congress as the Constitutional authority to pass on contested seats. The full list of opinions follows:

State & Town of Wilson vs Williams, no error; Short vs Gurley, Wayne, affirmed; A. & N. C. Railway vs Way, Carteret, no error; James vs Hooker, Pitt, reversed; Teeter vs Postal Telegraph Co., Cabarrus, no error; Williams vs Heptasophs, Catawba, no error; In re Fain, Cherokee, reversed; May vs National Fire Insurance Co., Swain, affirmed; James & Lindsay vs Knights of Honor, Burcombe, motion for certiorari and to reinstate denied.

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